



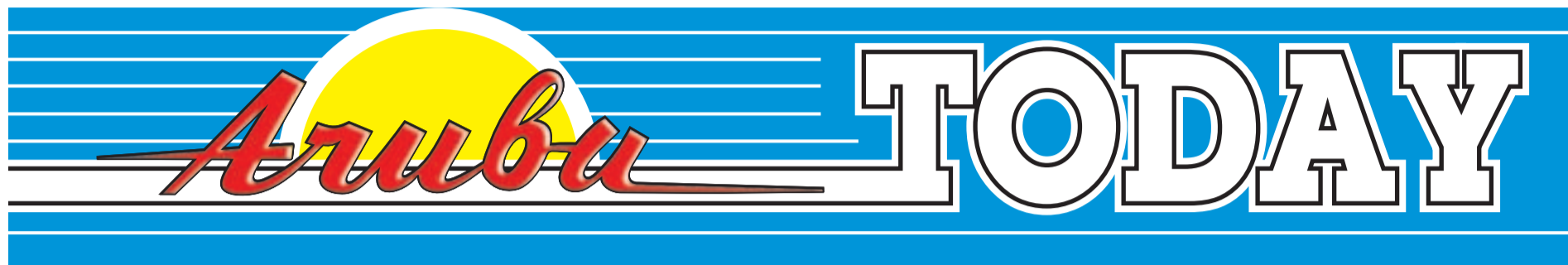
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Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki pauses while speaking at a meeting of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Friday, May 30, 2014, in Washington. President Barack Obama announced the resignation Friday of Shinseki amid a mushrooming scandal over appointment delays, falsified-record keeping and other problems plaguing the strained health care system for America's former warriors.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Shinseki Out Amid Furor Over Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama announced the resignation Friday of the Department of Veterans Affairs chief amid a mushrooming scandal over appointment delays, falsified-record keeping and other problems plaguing the strained health care system for America's former

warriors.

Obama said he accepted Eric Shinseki's resignation with "considerable regret" during a White House meeting, just two days after a scathing internal report found broad, deep-seated problems in the sprawling health care system, which is struggling to keep up with

the number of vets returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Shinseki, a retired Japanese-American four-star general who had overseen Veterans Affairs since the start of Obama's presidency, had faced mounting calls to step down as the controversy ballooned into

a major issue in Washington.

In the 36 hours that followed the findings Wednesday, Democrats in tough congressional re-election races this November joined Republicans in clamoring for Shinseki's resignation.

Obama said Shinseki, a Vietnam War veteran and

the highest-ranking Asian-American in U.S. military history, had served with honor. But the Veterans Affairs secretary told the president the agency needs new leadership and he doesn't want to be a distraction.

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Report: Clinton defends Benghazi response

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton dismisses her critics and defends her handling of the deadly 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, in her new book, offering fellow Democrats a guide for how to talk about the fraught issue through the 2016 presidential race.

The former secretary of state's "Hard Choices" is a rebuke to Republicans who have seized upon the

Clinton bid to replace him in early 2017.

"Those who exploit this tragedy over and over as a political tool minimize the sacrifice of those who served our country," Clinton writes in a 34-page chapter, obtained by Politico.

Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill said that "until the book is released, there's nothing to say. And once it's released, it will speak for itself." The book comes out June 10.

The former first lady and

fend her as she weighs a presidential bid.

On Friday, her top advisers met for an hour with 33 friendly Democratic strategists, allies and foreign policy academics who work in Washington's vast think-tank network. Clinton counselor Philippe Reines led the session and former National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor, who is helping Clinton's team during the book launch, joined the discussion about how to frame Benghazi.



This photo shows former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaking in Washington. Clinton defended her response to the deadly 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, writing in her new book that she will "not be part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans." (AP Photo/Cliff Owen, File)

Sept. 11, 2012, terrorist attack that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Should Clinton run for president in 2016, her four years as secretary of state and the Benghazi attack in particular are certain to be the subject of driving criticism from Republicans. She is already trying to blunt the issue. Republicans have accused the Obama administration of stonewalling congressional investigators and misleading the public about the nature of the attack in the weeks before the presidential election. Republicans used the attack to try to undermine President Barack Obama's re-election and, now, to tarnish the still-uncertain

senator from New York is the leading potential Democratic presidential candidate if she decides to run again, as well as a favorite Republican target.

Clinton writes that she takes responsibility for the deaths, but adds that there has been "a regrettable amount of misinformation, speculation and flat-out deceit" by some in politics and the media. "I will not be a part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans. It's just plain wrong, and it's unworthy of our great country," Clinton writes. "Those who insist on politicizing the tragedy will have to do so without me." Clinton's book also offers something of a playbook for her supporters to de-

Multiple independent, bipartisan and Republican-led investigations have faulted the State Department for inadequate security in Benghazi, leading to four deaths. No attacker has been arrested. Obama and Clinton allies alike have argued that there is no new information following more than a dozen public hearings and the release of 25,000 pages of documents. "That's what many of us are going to point out, that it's an old issue, it's a red herring," said Matt Bennett, a veteran of Bill Clinton's White House and one of the Democrats who attended the briefing of Hillary Clinton's book. □

US Chamber head now urging Cuba to open economy more

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — The head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has a prescription for communist-run Cuba's struggling economy: less government control and a heavier dose of the open market.

In a speech at the University of Havana, Chamber president and CEO Thomas J. Donohue cautiously praised what he saw during a visit to evaluate economic reforms that have hundreds of thousands of islanders working independently of the state.

But he added that the challenge now is to consolidate and expand the changes.

"We at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce believe in the power of private enterprise to help societies progress and improve," he said Thursday, before heading back to the U.S. "And it is in that spirit that we come to your country ... and offer these observations."

About a dozen business leaders arrived this week on the chamber's first trade mission to Cuba since 1999. During the visit they met with entrepreneurs and government officials to talk about the reforms, which President Raul Castro began in earnest in late 2010.

"We have come to Cuba to assess the seriousness of this effort and to encourage and support it in any way we can," Donohue said. "We're trying to engage Cubans of all walks of life and explain how private enterprise can dramatically improve the lives of your citizens."

State television reported Thursday night that Donohue met with Cuba's president. It showed images of the encounter, but did not say how long it lasted or what they discussed.

About 455,000 islanders are currently running or working for private small businesses as a result of the reforms, and about 450 new non-agricultural cooperatives are operating autonomously.

"Their efforts to start their own businesses show that the spirit of entrepreneurship and enterprise is alive and well in the hearts of many Cuban citizens," Donohue said. "And indeed, when that spirit is properly encouraged and given the freedom to operate, the country as a whole can do much better."

He cited China and Vietnam's economic overhauls as a model for improving Cubans' lives. "It can happen here, too."

Cuba has also decentralized a number of bloated state-run businesses and undertaken a big port project west of Havana that seeks to turn the sleepy fishing town of Mariel into a regional shipping hub. An adjacent special economic zone aims to lure much-needed foreign investment.

Island officials say they are not abandoning the socialist principles that have ruled here for more than 50 years, but rather are "updating" Cuba's model to perform better in a globalized economy.

Donohue disagreed with those back home who criticized the trade mission by arguing it would be a mistake to strengthen commercial ties with Cuba due to questions about its record on civil liberties and political freedoms.

He said the Chamber of Commerce takes human rights concerns seriously, calling it an issue that should be part of a "constructive dialogue" between the U.S. and Cuba.

He called for Washington to allow imports and exports of goods and services involving a number of sectors in Cuba, saying it would be in the interests of American citizens and U.S. business. He cited telecommunications as one area with great potential. □

Man charged with obstructing Boston bombing probes

BOSTON (AP) — A friend of the brothers suspected of carrying out the Boston Marathon bombings was accused Friday of obstructing the investigation into the deadly attack by deleting information from his computer and lying to investigators.

Khairullozhon Matanov, 23, appeared in federal court but entered no plea and was being held until a detention hearing Wednesday.

Matanov, a legal resident of the U.S. originally from Kyrgyzstan, destroyed, altered and falsified records in a federal investigation and made false statements, according to U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz's office. Among the information he deleted from his computer were references to videos and photos of the bombing suspects that were released by the FBI and files that contained violent content or calls to violence.

Ortiz said in a news release that Matanov is not charged with participating in the bombings or knowing about them in advance. A spokeswoman declined to comment when asked whether additional charges were possible.

Matanov knew Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who authorities say planted two homemade bombs that killed three people and wounded more than 260 at the marathon finish line last year. He realized the FBI would want to talk with him because he shared their "philosophical justification for violence," federal prosecutors said.

Matanov's lawyer, Edward Hayden, called the allegations unsubstantiated. "He had no intent to mislead the FBI, and from what I can see, what he said and did didn't impede the investigation," Hayden said.

Hayden said Matanov came to the U.S. in 2010 on a student visa and was later granted political asylum because of unrest in Kyrgyzstan. □

Obama says goodbye to press secretary Jay Carney

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WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary Jay Carney became the news instead of just delivering it Friday, when President Barack Obama unexpectedly interrupted the daily media briefing to announce Carney's resignation after three and a half years as his primary spokesman.

Obama said it was "bittersweet" to see his friend Carney step down and announced that principal deputy press secretary Josh Earnest will take over the job. Carney said the transition will take place around mid-June, but Earnest will take his place traveling next week on Obama's trip to Europe.

Carney brought rare but practical experience to the job as a former reporter who once covered the White House for Time magazine.

He left journalism to become communications director for Vice President Joe Biden and subsequently moved over to serve as Obama's press secretary in 2011.

"He comes to this place with a reporter's perspective," Obama told reporters after interrupting Carney mid-sentence as he responded to a question on Ukraine in the Brady Press Briefing Room. "That's why,

believe it or not, I think he will miss hanging out with you."

A key component of a White House press secretary's job is to regularly joust with reporters in an intense question-and-answer session. Obama said he is putting the "flak jacket" for dealing with the press

the 2008 campaign.

The affable Earnest is well-liked within the White House press corps, and is seen as helpful. Reporters applauded the announcement.

Earnest is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and Obama noted he still roots for the hometown baseball team, the Royals, as the son of an

find just a nicer individual even outside of Washington."

Obama also teased Earnest for providing the "golden voice and dulcet tones" as narrator of West Wing Week, a recap of White House events that can be seen on YouTube or the White House website.



President Barack Obama gives White House press secretary Jay Carney a hug after announcing that Carney will step down later next month, during a surprise visit to the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House, Friday, May 30, 2014. The president announced Carney's departure in a surprise appearance at in the White House press briefing room Friday. He said principal deputy press secretary Josh Earnest will take over the job.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

on another friend in Earnest, who has worked with Obama since he was his communications director for the Iowa caucuses in

athletic coach.

"As you know, his name describes his demeanor," Obama said. "Josh is an earnest guy and you can't

Earnest told reporters he's "grateful and excited and relishes the opportunity to spend the next couple of years with you." □

Shinseki out amid furor over Veterans Affairs

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"I agree. We don't have time for distractions. We need to fix the problem," Obama said.

Republicans in Congress said Shinseki's resignation alone wasn't enough to solve problems at an agency that has been struggling to keep up with a huge increase in demand for its services. About 9 million veterans are now enrolled in the health care system, roughly 1 million more than only six years ago. The influx comes from returning Iraq and Afghanistan vet-

erans, aging Vietnam War vets who now have more health problems, a move by Congress to expand the number of those eligible for care and the migration of veterans to the VA during the last recession after they lost their jobs.

Lawmakers on both sides have moved cautiously, sensitive about being seen as exploiting the plight of veterans for political gain. Still, Shinseki's departure seemed unlikely to end an election-year political struggle between the parties.

The Republican leader of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, said

the resignation "does not absolve the president of his responsibility to step in and make things right for our veterans." He and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell called on Democrats to join them in legislation "that would help to fix this system that has so failed our veterans."

In their report, agency investigators said that 1,700 veterans seeking treatment at facility in the southwestern city of Phoenix were consigned to limbo because they had never been added to official wait lists.

The VA has a goal of trying to give patients an ap-

pointment within 14 days of when they first seek care. Treatment delays — and irregularities in recording patient waiting times — have been documented in numerous reports from government and outside organizations for years and have been well-known to VA officials, member of Congress and veteran service organizations.

But the controversy now swirling around the VA stems from allegations that employees were keeping a secret waiting list at the Phoenix hospital — and suggestions that up to 40 patients may have died while awaiting care. □

Police didn't view videos, say US killer seemed OK

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Law enforcement officers who visited Elliot Rodger three weeks before he went on a deadly rampage in a California college town knew he had posted disturbing videos but didn't check them out because he seemed OK when they visited him at his apartment. And even if they had watched them, experts say it's unlikely they would've been able to do anything. "There are a lot of videos that might seem disturbing or offensive, depending on who views them," says Tom Mahoney, who co-chairs the Justice Studies department at Santa Barbara City College.

Only in hindsight is it clear that Rodger, 22, was an extremely dangerous young man who would go on to kill six students and himself, and injure 13 more last Friday night.

Rodger posted at least 22 videos on YouTube, including his final "retribution"



Students walk into the sunset after the Isla Vista Shooting Memorial Paddle Out Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Santa Barbara, Calif. A weekend rampage left six students and their assailant dead and 13 others injured.

(AP Photo/The News-Press, Peter Vandenbelt)

video the night of the attack. YouTube took down that video — which detailed Rodger's plans and reasons for the killings — the next day, citing a terms-of-service violation.

Of the 21 videos still on the site, none are overtly suicidal or violent. Many feature Rodger driving in silence with 80s pop music — Whitney Houston, Steve Perry, George Michael and

others — playing in the background, while in others he talked straight into the camera about his loneliness and despair.

It's unclear if there were any additional videos that were taken down by Rodger or YouTube.

Family spokesman Simon Astaire has said Rodger's mother became alarmed in late April after viewing bizarre YouTube videos posted by her son. She notified his therapist, who called health officials who in turn notified the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Family attorney Alan Shifman has described the videos as "regarding suicide and the killing of people." He did not respond to a query seeking clarification Friday. The sheriff's office said Rodger uploaded his final video detailing his "Day of Retribution" at 9:17 p.m. on the day of the shootings, May 23.

One minute later, he emailed a lengthy written manifesto to his mother, father and therapist that also detailed his plans and contempt for everyone he felt were responsible for his sexual frustrations and overall miserable existence.

The first gunshots were reported at 9:27 p.m. The

rampage was over and Rodger dead just eight minutes later.

It was another half hour before the therapist saw the emailed manifesto and 11 more minutes until the sheriff's office was contacted at 10:11 p.m. Authorities contacted Rodger's mother and learned about the manifesto and the "Retribution" video.

Like many other states, California allows authorities to hold people in a mental hospital for up to 72 hours for observation to prevent them from hurting themselves or others.

Mahoney said these detentions are based on an individual's observed behavior, not just on a person's expressions that they intend to hurt someone.

Also, said Mahoney, the officers did not have the right to search his apartment without a search warrant or his permission, which he was unlikely to give because the guns he used in the killings were stashed inside.

Rodger took down many of his videos after his visit with authorities.

While it's unclear exactly which videos he uploaded again or whether others were not reintroduced, Rodger describes being depressed and lonely without making threats or suicide mentions.

Rodger said he took down one video titled "Why do girls hate me so much" because it gained too much negative attention. In it, he laments his "loneliness and misery" and says he doesn't understand why girls are repulsed by him. "This world is so beautiful but it's so sad and depressing when I have to experience it all alone and I have to watch other guys able to walk around and enjoy their lives with beautiful girlfriends at their side," he said. Rodger tweeted a link to a video with the same title on April 20.

Rodger's parents issued a statement Thursday through family friend Astaire, saying they were "crying out in pain" for the victims and their families. □

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Veterans Affairs scandal also holds political perils for GOP

CARL HULSE

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WASHINGTON - Eric Shinseki's resignation as head of the Department of Veterans Affairs was perhaps more welcome in the offices of worried congressional Democrats than in the suites of top Republicans who had pressed the scandal against President Barack Obama.

"Today's announcement really changes nothing," Speaker John A. Boehner said Friday shortly after Shinseki's ouster, saying that congressional Republicans would continue to hold the president accountable for what transpires at the agency. "One personnel change cannot be used as an excuse to paper over a systemic problem."

Boehner and Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the House's No. 2 Republican, had refused to join the call for Shinseki's head, since from their perspective, replacing one man at the top of a sprawling and long-struggling bureaucracy with another Democratic manager was not going to solve the problem.

Senior Republicans would much prefer to keep the pressure on Obama and make him - not the now-departed secretary - the face of the problems, with responsibility for fixing what all acknowledge is a festering mess at an agency charged with a crucial national task. Soon after Obama announced Shinseki's departure, Republicans sought to return the focus to the president and his party.

"What's still needed is an agreement by the president and his allies in Congress to join Republicans in legislation that would help to fix this system that has so failed our veterans," Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, said in a statement issued within minutes of the Shinseki announcement.

This week, the scandal also found its way into the

midterm election campaigns. Crossroads GPS, a Republican group, used it prominently in an attack advertisement in Alaska against Sen. Mark Begich, a Democrat, accusing him of not responding forcefully enough to the agency's problems.

But Democrats, in an illustration of how the politics of the veterans fight do not break cleanly, also saw an opportunity to turn the scandal against Republicans in some of the biggest races by pointing to votes in which Republicans opposed spending increases in veterans' programs and services.

The maneuvering reflected the divisions and gamesmanship that have surrounded federal veterans issues for decades and will complicate the search for solutions going forward.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee on Thursday provided a possible hint of what was to come with a broadside against Rep. Cory Gardner, now the Republican candidate for Senate in Colorado, with a list of past positions against Democratic proposals for veterans, including a 2012 vote against adding \$28 million for prosthetics research and development. "If Cory Gardner and his allies want to politicize the horrible tragedy at the VA, then Gardner's going to have to answer for his long-shameful record of putting Washington special interests ahead of fighting for Colorado veterans," said Justin Barasky, a spokesman at the Democratic campaign group. Republican House candidates could also find themselves under pressure to explain their past votes against proposals for more money for veterans programs. Democrats were pointing to a procedural vote in May 2013, when House Republicans opposed a Democratic measure called the Veterans Backlog Reduction Act. □

White House releases report on helping minority men and boys

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The Obama administration announced Friday a series of recommendations on how public and private entities can put in place a White House initiative

\$200 million, five-year initiative called My Brother's Keeper. Standing in front of a group of young minority men and executives from business and nonprofit organizations in February, the president recalled his own

new programs or expand on current ones.

The money for the program, the White House said, will come from philanthropic and corporate leaders who have pledged to in-



President Barack Obama speaks at a meeting of the My Brother's Keeper task force at the White House in Washington, May 30, 2014. Obama started the initiative to promote mentoring programs in February, calling the challenge of ensuring success for young men of color a "moral issue for our country." From left: senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, Attorney General Eric Holder, Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

(Gabiella Demczuk/The New York Times)

meant to support minority men and boys, including a move to focus on summer jobs and recruit adults who can serve as mentors to young people around the country.

"Already we're seeing a much greater sense of urgency this summer about putting these young people in opportunities where they can learn the basic skills that they're going to need to get attached to the labor market," President Barack Obama said in his remarks Friday about the recommendations. Obama noted that over the next couple of weeks more specific programs would be announced. "We've got a huge number of kids out there who have as much talent, and more talent, than I had, but nobody is investing in them," Obama said.

The recommendations come three months after Obama announced the

experiences as a black man growing up without a father at home and sometimes making "bad choices."

Since the announcement, a White House task force has examined ways that the federal government, in conjunction with the private sector and philanthropic groups, could begin to address many of the issues facing minority men and boys.

The latest report focuses on areas including early childhood education, career and college preparation, postsecondary education and training programs, entering the workforce and reducing violence.

Many of the recommendations call on federal agencies, including the Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services departments, to work with nongovernment groups, the private sector and faith based groups to establish

vest at least \$200 million over the next five years - on top of the \$150 million they have already invested - "to figure out which programs are the most successful."

The recommendations for early childhood education include eliminating suspensions and expulsions in preschool, expanding health and behavioral screenings for children, and promoting literacy.

The report also calls for a national initiative that would use data to identify and address chronic absenteeism, and for an end to harsh school disciplinary practices.

In January, the administration issued guidelines urging restraint when using arrest or expulsion to discipline students.

Other suggested measures include providing more exposure and access to summer youth employment opportunities and Advanced Placement courses. □

US announces effort to mark gay historical sites

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NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. National Park Service will begin marking places of significance to the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, a cabinet secretary announced Friday at the scene in Manhattan of the 1969 riots widely credited with starting the modern gay rights movement.

The shift comes after years of debate about how gay people fit into America's historical narrative and whether they should be included in textbooks. In 2011, California state legislators passed a first-in-the-nation law requiring public schools to teach students about the contributions of gay Americans in state and U.S. history.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's announcement at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood also comes amid rapid legal changes across America on the issue. Gay rights advocates have enjoyed a stunning series of court victories, as one state after another sees its same-sex marriage ban fall. The rulings followed the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision last June that struck down part of a federal anti-gay marriage law. It did not apply to bans that were then in place in roughly three dozen states; the high court is expected to eventually rule on that issue. President Barack Obama decided in 2011 that his administration no longer would enforce the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defined matrimony as between a man and a woman. That

year, there were five states that allowed same-sex couples to wed. Now, it's legal in 19 states, with lawsuits pending against every other state's ban except North Dakota's.

The gay rights movement's story will be explored by a panel of 18 scholars convened by the U.S. park service, who will be charged

the job of the National Park Service is to tell this story."

The process mirrors efforts the service already has undertaken to preserve and promote locations that reflect the roles of Latinos, Asian-Americans and women in U.S. history.

The scholars' study, which is expected to be completed by 2016, is being fi-

to the founding of the first American gay rights organization in Chicago in 1924. Other early chapters that merit recognition include the freedom World War II gave gay men and lesbians to associate and the 1953 publication in Los Angeles of the first magazine with a positive portrayal of homosexuality are, he said.



A couple passes The Stonewall Inn, in New York's Greenwich Village, Thursday, May 29, 2014. The National Park Service is launching an initiative to make places and people of significance to the history of lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual Americans part of the national narrative. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell plans to announce the initiative on Friday at New York's Stonewall Inn, which was made a national historic landmark in 2000. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

with examining its impact in areas such as law, religion, media, civil rights and the arts. The committee will identify relevant sites and its work will be used to evaluate them for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, designation as National Historic Landmarks or consideration as national monuments, Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said. Jewell said that the struggle for civil rights continues and that "part of

nanced with \$250,000 from the Gill Foundation, a major donor to gay civil rights causes.

Stonewall, where the riots took place in late June 1969, was made a national historic landmark in 2000. June is widely celebrated as gay Pride Month.

Gerard Koskovich, a San Francisco scholar who will be part of the panel, said the movement actually pre-dates Stonewall by decades and goes back

The scholars' study, which is expected to be completed by 2016, is being financed by Colorado philanthropist Tim Gill, the founder of software company Quark Inc. and a major donor to gay political and civil rights causes.

Four sites associated with gay history ties have been added to the National Register of Historic Places since 2011, including a theater and home on New York's Fire Island. □

Border agency releases report on use of force

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol's parent agency on Friday released a critical report that it commissioned amid complaints that agents used excessive force. The new commissioner said the report was part of a commitment to transparency.

The Police Executive Research Forum found some agents are suspected of intentionally placing themselves in the escape route of assailants in fleeing vehicles before firing guns, creating justification to use deadly force. It said some shootings of rock throwers were questionable, especially when the attackers were hurling projectiles from across the border in Mexico.

The 21-page report, which does not address specific cases, said some agents may fire at rock throwers and vehicles because they are frustrated.

The report was released with revised guidelines on use of force that prohibit agents from firing at moving vehicles or rock throwers unless there is "imminent danger of serious physical injury or death" to them or someone else.

The Customs and Border Protection agency had kept the report quiet since it was completed in February 2013, resisting calls from members of Congress and immigration activists. R. Gil Kerlikowske said Friday that he prevailed in an internal debate about whether the report should be made public.

"We had a difference of opinion, and I won," Kerlikowske said at a news conference in Washington.

The agency had refused to make the report public even after the Los Angeles Times reported on its contents in February. The American Civil Liberties Union's San Diego affiliate sued in federal court last week to try to force the agency to turn it over.

Immigration activists, who urged Kerlikowske to release the report when they met with him Tuesday in San Francisco, claimed victory. □

US considers dropping immigration law challenge

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PHOENIX (AP) — The Obama administration has signaled a willingness to drop its legal fight against a section of Arizona's 2010 immigration law that critics considered racial profiling.

A deal between the Justice Department and Republican Gov. Jan Brewer

would end the court challenge asking a judge to strike down a requirement that police question the immigration status of people suspected of being in the country illegally, according to court records. In exchange, lawyers on both sides of the case wrote, Arizona would permanently do away with a provision requiring im-

migrants to carry registration papers. Courts have blocked that on a preliminary basis.

If such a deal is approved by a judge, all that would remain of the Obama administration's case would be a challenge to a 2005 immigrant smuggling law. No agreement has been reached on that section. The possible resolution of

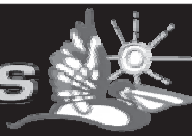
key parts of the challenge comes after nearly four years of litigation.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the questioning provision, but it threw out the section calling for registration paperwork.

Messages left for the Justice Department and governor's office weren't immediately returned Friday. □



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America's consumer spending down 0.1 percent in April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumers cut back on spending in April for the first time in a year, taking an unexpected pause after a big jump during the previous month. The results, however, are unlikely to derail an expected spring rebound in the economy.

Consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of overall economic activity, fell 0.1 percent in April, the Commerce Department said Friday. The drop was the first in 12 months. But it followed a 1 percent surge in spending in March, which marked the biggest increase in more than four years. "It is obvious that after an unseasonably colder January and February consumers came out with a vengeance in March," Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight, said in a note to clients. "So, April's poor showing on the spending front is payback for a strong March."

The latest figure reflects reductions in durable goods purchases such as autos and in services such as heating bills. While disappointed, analysts say the results don't change the broader upward trajectory of the economy and predict consumer demand to bounce back in May.

An "improving job market should support stronger spending in coming months," Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note.

Friday's government report also showed that income rose 0.3 percent in April after advancing 0.5 percent in March. That marks the fourth consecutive monthly climb. The economy has been generating jobs

at a solid pace in recent months, including a gain of 288,000 jobs in April, the strongest uptick in hiring in two years.

With spending down and Americans were earning more, the saving rate rose in April to 4 percent of after-tax income, up from a saving rate of 3.6 percent in March. Inflation, as measured by a gauge tied to spending, showed prices rising 1.6 percent from a year ago, up from a 1.1 percent year-over-year price gain in March. However, even with the increase, inflation remains below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target. In April, consumers reduced spending on durable goods such as autos by 0.5 per-



A cashier rings up a cash sale at a Sears store, in Las Vegas. The Commerce Department reported how much consumers spent and earned in April, and The University of Michigan issued its index of consumer sentiment for May, on Friday, May 30, 2014.

cent. The drop followed a big 3.6 percent jump in durable good spending in March. Consumers boosted spending on non-

durable goods a slight 0.1 percent while trimming spending on services by 0.1 percent. Spending on services, which includes utility

bills, had been rising rapidly during the winter, reflecting higher heating costs due to the severe cold in many parts of the country.

Consumer spending remained strong through the first quarter, rising at an annual rate of 3.1 percent. But much of that strength came from increased health care spending, reflecting new enrollments through the Affordable Care Act.

Friday's data follows news the previous day that the overall economy shrank 1 percent in the January-March quarter. It was the first contraction in three years and was blamed on a number of special factors including an unusually harsh winter. □

Zuckerberg, wife gift \$120M to California schools

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AP Technology Writer

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating \$120 million public schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. The gift, which the couple discussed Tuesday in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, will be spread over the next five years. It is the biggest allocation to date of the \$1.1 billion in Facebook stock the couple pledged last year to the nonprofit Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

"Education is incredibly expensive and this is a drop in the bucket," Chan, a pediatrician, said in an interview Thursday at Facebook's Menlo Park, California, headquarters. "What we are trying to do is catalyze change by exploring and promoting the development of new interventions and new models."

The first \$5 million of the

\$120 million will go to the San Francisco, Ravenswood and Redwood City school districts and will focus on principal training, classroom technology and helping students transition from the 8th to the 9th grade. The couple and their foundation, called Startup: Education, determined the issues of most urgent need based on discussions with school administrators and local leaders.

The gift comes at a time when critics are still questioning what became of Zuckerberg's \$100 million donation to Newark, New Jersey's public school system. Four years ago, he announced the donation flanked by then-mayor Cory Booker and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. A recent New Yorker article criticizes the donation and the chain of events it set in motion.

While well-intentioned, the money has so far failed to

fix the city's ailing school system. The process lacked meaningful community input and much of the money has been spent on high-paid contractors and consultants. Four years later, the money is nearly gone and a lot of people are angry. The story's most poignant quote is from Vivian Cox Fraser, president of the Urban League of Essex County, who said "Everybody's getting paid, but Raheem still can't read." Zuckerberg said the Newark experience is a "big influence on our thinking" with the Bay Area donation. Taking the long view, he's quick to point out that the results in New Jersey are too early to measure.

"The schools and programs that the folks put in place, only now are they ramping up and students are starting to go through them. So you won't know what the outcomes are until like 5, 7, 10 years from now," he said. "That said, I think

there are some things that are going generally better than we'd expected and some things that we've definitely taken as lessons." One of the positive outcomes Zuckerberg points to: Newark's teacher contracts, which, among other things, provide for performance-based pay bonuses for the district's best teachers.

Zuckerberg acknowledges that he and local leaders could have done a better job engaging the community and soliciting ideas about how to spend the money.

Chan, 29, and Zuckerberg, 30, have made philanthropy a central theme of their life together. The two made the largest charitable gift on record for 2013. That \$1.1 billion donation was on top of another \$500 million the couple gave a year earlier to the Silicon Valley foundation, which helps donors allocate their gifts. □

American Living: Rethinking the Retirement Community

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When Rikki Selby began shopping for a retirement home, the 66-year-old sought a community where she could make friends with people her own age. But Selby had no interest in the kind of sprawling Sun Belt development that offers thousands of houses to older people.

"In those places, everybody is old, and you don't see young faces in the supermarket," said Selby, who recently retired as a financial planner.

To enjoy more diversity, Selby moved to Rancho Mission Viejo, a development near San Juan Capistrano, California, that caters to a variety of age groups. She purchased a single-family home in a section reserved for homeowners 55 and older. But a few blocks away are houses designed for families with children. In another nearby area, apartment projects seek to draw single 20-somethings. Everyone can mingle in common recreation areas. The California project is one of many efforts by develop-

ers to think more creatively about housing options for a demanding generation

Belt retirement communities, builders are seeking to lure older people who

said Gregg Logan, managing director of RCLCO, a real estate consulting firm

founder, Del E. Webb, sought to build an entire community for retirees that would provide shopping along with shuffleboard. The project was a smashing success. According to the company, 100,000 visitors toured the development on its opening weekend, and the project sold 1,300 homes the first year. Sun City eventually grew to 46,000 residents.

Over the years, Del Webb - which is now a unit of PulteGroup - built a series of Sun Belt retirement communities, constantly adding features, including indoor walking tracks and the latest exercise equipment. But by the late 1990s, the developer began to notice that many customers preferred retiring within driving distance of their hometowns where they could see relatives or enjoy cultural opportunities. As a result, developers began building communities outside the Sun Belt. In recent years, Del Webb has built age-restricted projects near Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Boston.

"Our residents want to be close to their doctors and family members," said Valerie Dolenga, a Del Webb spokeswoman. "About 50 percent continue to work at least part time."

Roger Waller, 57, recently sold his 4,000-square-foot home to move to a nearby 1,670-square-foot condo in Potomac Green, a Del Webb project in Ashburn, Virginia, about 30 miles from Washington. Condo prices in the development range from about \$189,000 to more than \$356,000. Waller, a dispatcher for the Arlington County 911 system, plans to stay in his apartment when he retires. He pays about \$300 a month to the development's homeowners association, which takes care of lawn mowing and other maintenance. "When I owned a house, I did yard work and remodeling," Waller said. "Now I will be able to retire and not worry about chores." Bomberger said that about half the residents in Benchmark's Delaware communities work. □



Donna and Roger Shenk stand on the balcony of the clubhouse at Liberty Hill, an age-restricted community in Boalsburg, Pa., May 25, 2014. Instead of focusing on traditional Sun Belt retirement communities, builders are seeking to lure older people who want to remain active or continue to work. (Kalim A. Bhatti/The New York Times)

that has begun to reach retirement age. Instead of focusing on traditional Sun

want to remain active or continue to work. Pleasing retirement-age customers is crucial for developers. At a time when many housing markets remain stagnant, projects catering to older people rank as one of the hottest fields. In 2013, there were 21,000 starts of age-restricted homes, up from 13,000 in 2012, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Like other home buyers, many older consumers postponed purchases during the financial crisis, said Steven Bomberger, president of Benchmark Builders in Wilmington, Delaware. But people older than 55 have been among the first to return to the markets, said Bomberger, whose firm sold 42 age-restricted houses in 2013, up from 22 the year before. "Seniors can move now because they have equity in their longtime homes, and they are ready to sell and get on with their lives," Bomberger said. Demand for age-restricted communities will continue growing rapidly during the next decade because of demographics,

in Orlando, Florida. Logan said the number of people ages 60 to 75 would increase to 56 million in 2025 from 46 million now. People in their late 60s are particularly likely to buy a home in an age-restricted community.

Although many older residents prefer restricted neighborhoods for privacy and quiet, developers have been forced to offer features that are suitable for increasingly active customers who want more variety. "Today people do not want a geezer ghetto," said Margaret Wylde, president of ProMatura Group, a market research firm in Oxford, Mississippi, that specializes in older consumers. "Buyers want an active environment with walking trails and easy access to amenities outside the community." Del Webb, a construction company, has long been a leader in developing new forms of retirement communities. In 1960, the company opened Sun City near Phoenix, which offered an 850-square-foot home for \$8,500. The company's



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East Ukraine quiet raises leadership questions

PETER LEONARD

Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

The scruffy rebels who normally wander about the

tion who showed up a day earlier with an armored personnel carrier and anti-aircraft gun.

The separatists' so-called

region has teetered wildly this week. After Ukrainians elected Petro Poroshenko as the country's president and Russia said it would re-

be part of Russia.

But a day later, the rebels launched an exceptionally bold assault, seizing Donetsk's airport. Ukraine's military responded with previously unseen ferocity, launching airstrikes and sending in paratroopers to retake the airport.

To some, the rebel operation looked like a desperate last stand. But on Thursday, insurgents shot down a Ukrainian military helicopter, killing 12 soldiers, including a general. The same day, the murky Vostok Battalion militiamen took over rebel headquarters in the 11-story Donetsk regional administration building, demanding it be evacuated because of what they said was the presence of looters.

The Vostok Battalion's wrath was ostensibly about the ransacking of a supermarket during the battle for the airport, but some interpreted their move as a power grab.

The battalion is believed to consist largely of Russians, bolstering fears that Russia is either directing the unrest

in the east or supporting it in order to destabilize the country and seize regions bordering Russia.

Donetsk insurgency leaders were at pains to stress that the takeover of their building did not signify a change of guard.

"No coup has taken place. The whole terrible panic that was whipped up over this, what you might call a police operation, is a panic that has been instigated by our so-called friends in Kiev," said Alexander Borodai, the self-styled prime minister of the Donetsk People's Republic.

The heavy contingent of Vostok Battalion militiamen had disappeared by Friday morning, as had the armored personnel carrier and vintage anti-aircraft gun. Inside, however, many members of the militia group were spotted in civilian clothing.

Meanwhile, there were mixed signals Friday on whether Moscow and Kiev were moving toward improving relations, a key element in resolving the conflict.



A Ukrainian soldier walks on the road outside Slovyansk, Ukraine, Friday, May 30, 2014. The Ukrainian Acting Defense Minister said on Friday that troops had ousted separatists from southern and western parts of the Donetsk region and north of the Luhansk region.

(AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

headquarters of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic were mostly out of view on Friday, replaced by a disciplined new fac-

prime minister said nothing has changed — but something has clearly shifted in Ukraine's troubled east.

The balance of power in the

spect the vote, hopes rose for a resolution to the conflict between the central government and the insurgents who want Donetsk to



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Syria: Thousands flee cities ahead of vote

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BEIRUT (AP) — Thousands of people have fled government-held Syrian cities after opposition fighters warned they will attack during next week's presidential election to disrupt the vote, opposition activists said Friday. The Syrian government presents the June 3 polls, in which President Bashar Assad is widely expected to secure a third seven-year term, as

Friday after the deadline imposed by the council passed, said an activist in the area who goes by the name of Hasan Idilbi. "The opposition is preparing for a strike to disrupt the elections," Idilbi said via Skype. Members of the Islamic Council could not be immediately reached for comment. Another activist based near Idlib named Bassil Asaad said thousands of people have fled, although he said

reporting of the event. In the government-held central city of Hama, activist Ahmad al-Ahmad said a few hundred people had left for the suburbs after similar rebel threats. Abu Odai, a spokesman for a small rebel group known as the Rahman Brigade, said several rebel groups have said they will bombard the capital, Damascus, during the election, although he said his group abstained from doing so.



Two Syrian women who live in Iran hold their country's flag and a picture of Syrian President Bashar Assad after casting their votes for their country's presidential election at the Syrian Embassy in Tehran, Iran, as expat voting started ahead of Syria's June 3 presidential election - a vote highly contentious amid the civil war but one that is widely expected to give the Syrian president a third seven-year term in office. The Arabic words in the picture reads "We all are with you."
 (AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

a means to end the 3-year-old conflict that has killed more than 160,000 people. The Syrian opposition and its Western allies have denounced the vote as a farce aimed solely at lending Assad a veneer of electoral legitimacy. Civilians have escaped the government-held northwestern city of Idlib, which is blockaded by rebels on three sides, after the Islamic Council, a military and civil body in rebel-held areas, ordered them to leave by midnight Friday. The city, besieged by rebels for more than two years, has witnessed frequent clashes. Rebel fighters closed roads linking areas under their control with those in government hands in the city

he didn't expect a wide attack on Tuesday. "I think it is only psychological warfare, although some rebels are warning they will turn it into a bloody day in Idlib," he said. Asaad Kanjo, who is based in the nearby town of Saraqeb, said about 4,000 people left Thursday alone. He added that they are mostly fleeing to villages and towns in the surrounding province that carries the same name, as well as areas close to the border with Turkey. An amateur video posted online by activists showed scores of people, some on foot, moving in a rural area outside the city. The video appeared genuine and matched Associated Press

"We will not target civilians," he said from a suburb of Damascus. "We will only target security offices that are far from residential areas." In the northern city of Aleppo, rockets that slammed into pro-government neighborhoods killed at least 12 people and wounded more than 80, the state news agency said. Fighting over the past two years has cut Aleppo in two, leaving the east under opposition control and the west in government hands. Meanwhile, an activist group said that crude bombs dropped by Syrian government forces on rebel-held parts of Aleppo have killed nearly 2,000 people so far this year.

France restricts coverage of live D-Day anniversary

PARIS (AP) — Millions of viewers worldwide could miss live coverage of the commemorations marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day next week because the French president's office reversed a decision to grant international news agencies free access to the broadcast.

The administration of Francois Hollande has handed two French broadcast networks exclusive rights to the main international ceremony, and they are now imposing sports-style syndication fees on global news agencies, satellite and cable news channels, and online news outlets.

The French host broadcasters, France Televisions and TF1, are demanding that global news providers AP, AFP, Reuters and ENEX pay nearly 200,000 euros (\$265,000) collectively for live broadcast and online streaming coverage of the official ceremonies, which feature at least 18 heads of state.

The French networks are providing coverage free to European state broadcasters, who belong to the 100-member European Broadcasting Union consortium.

AP, Reuters, AFP and ENEX together represent over 1,500 broadcasters and thousands of digital platforms. The four agencies have protested the decision, calling for all news organizations to be granted free access to live coverage of an event of global importance, as has been common practice at similar events elsewhere.

"We are dismayed that the Elysee Palace is denying The Associated Press and other international news agencies fair access to live broadcast coverage of D-Day commemorations, which will be attended by world leaders and hundreds of veterans," said Kathleen Carroll, senior vice president and executive editor of AP.

"By granting access to only a few select channels and charging prohibitive sums, millions of viewers around the world will be unable to witness this historic, global event, the solemnity of which will reflect the commitment of an international array of forces 70 years ago," Carroll said. "We believe the Elysee and its French broadcast partners should allow free and unrestricted access to all newsgathering organizations."

The global news director of Agence France-Presse, Philippe Massonnet, called the restrictions "incomprehensible."

"The commercialization of this historic event is shocking," he said. "We hope that the presidency of the French republic will allow agencies the right to film and distribute the event live under conditions that are acceptable and in conformity with the spirit of freedom that these ceremonies represent."

The Elysee reversed itself May 15 despite having provided the agencies with verbal assurances on March 27 and written assurances on May 7 that they would be granted access to the broadcast to distribute free of charge to affiliated news organizations outside France.

The decision means that D-Day veterans who are too frail or can't afford to travel to France for the 70th anniversary may not be able to see the main ceremony on television or online.

On Friday, after the agencies protested the decision, an official at the Elysee said that the live broadcast signal would be made available free to television networks who ask — but not to news agencies, satellite or cable channels or Internet video providers, who provide news to millions of viewers.

Venezuela leader praises US rejection of sanctions

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said passage of legislation to impose sanctions on officials could cause his country to shut down its diplomatic missions in the United States, but he praised the Obama administration's opposition to the bill and said it has led him to name a new top diplomat in Washington.

Maduro said Thursday that the measure, which has cleared the House of Representatives but faces a challenge in the Senate, could "lead to the point of not having an embassy or consulates in the United States." "That's an extreme point that I want to avoid," he added during a televised event. "I want the best relations with the government of the United States, based on respect and permanent communications." Maduro spoke in response to comments



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro stands outside the Miraflores Presidential Palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Maduro said Thursday, May 29, 2014, the passage of legislation to impose sanctions on officials could cause his country to shut down its diplomatic missions in the United States, but he praised the Obama administration's opposition to the bill and said it has led him to name a new top diplomat in Washington.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

by Assistant Secretary of State Roberta Jacobson, who once again urged the U.S. Senate to vote against the measure. The bill calls for freezing any U.S. assets

and denying visas to Venezuelan officials accused of violating human rights during a wave of protests that started in February.

Maduro said that he had read the remarks "with great attention" and said the "leap toward good

sense" had led him to name a new top diplomat in Washington.

Even lukewarm praise from Venezuela's government is remarkable following an avalanche of denunciations. Maduro and his backers, following the path

of former President Hugo Chavez, have repeatedly accused Washington of trying to topple him and have blamed the U.S. for stirring up the protests in which at least 42 people have died. Just this week, pro-Maduro Caracas Mayor Jorge Rodriguez announced that the U.S. ambassador to Colombia, Kevin Whitaker, was implicated in a plot to kill the president. Speaking at an event that also included first lady Cilia Flores and National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello, Rodriguez asked the U.S. government to clarify if it knew of Whitaker's alleged role or if he was acting on his own. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki called the allegation baseless. Maduro said his new top diplomat in Washington would be former Venezuelan ambassador to Brazil Maximilien Sanchez Arvelaiz. In February, Maduro publicly named Sanchez Arvelaiz to fill the vacant ambassadorship in Washington, but U.S. officials have not acted on the proposal. □

Judge: Evidence warrants questioning Argentine VP

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's vice president was ordered Friday to answer allegations that he abused his power to gain control of the company that prints the nation's currency.

Federal Judge Ariel Lijo ruled there is enough evidence to merit formally questioning Amado Boudou about his role in the case, in which secret partners and shell companies allegedly benefited from tax exemptions and lucrative government contracts after buying the bankrupt Ciccone Calcografica printing company at a cut-rate price.

The printer, renamed the Compania de Valores Sudamericana, also produced campaign material during President Cristina Fernandez's run-up to her 2011 re-election with Boudou.

Boudou is the first sitting Argentine vice president since the nation emerged from military dictatorship in 1983 to be ordered to stand for questioning in criminal court, constitutional experts said Friday.

Boudou dismissed calls by political opponents for his resignation, insisting he is not guilty.

"I swear, I sustain and I will demonstrate that I did not commit acts of corruption," he said.

"I'm very calm," Boudou added in one of several interviews with local radio programs after the judge's resolution was announced. "This is an important step because I'm going to prove my innocence."

After Boudou is questioned next month, the judge could either dismiss the case or proceed with formal criminal charges that could carry up to six years in prison and a lifetime ban from elective office. □



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25 years on, no fading of Tiananmen wounds, ideals

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BEIJING (AP) — Some went missing. Some lost their freedom. Some can't escape the images inside their head, or the guilt they feel for surviving.

The June 4, 1989, military crackdown to end weeks-long student protests is a key moment in the history of Communist-ruled China for the outside world. Within China, it is all but erased. Even personal acts of memory are considered subversive.

While China's economy, society and cities have transformed in the last 25 years, the demonstrators and their supporters are keen to remind the world that other things haven't changed — that China's political masters are still suppressing dissent and freedom of expression. They call for the Communist Party to stop hiding what happened on that bloody night in which an untold number of people were killed. Some cling to their democratic fight.

"I am the captain of a sunk ship," Wu'er Kaixi, who was a 21-year-old protest leader, said in an interview conducted in English. "I will always question of myself, 'Why didn't I die?' I believe, for the rest of my life. ... I will try my best to remember the guilt and try to realize the dreams of those who died that night."

In 1989, as a hunger striker, Wu'er rose to prominence when in hospital clothing he harangued then-Premier Li Peng during a televised meeting with protesters. Just over two weeks later he witnessed "the atrocity, the killing" that he still finds difficult to talk about today. After the crackdown, he escaped.

His last glimpse of China was a fading shore from a boat that smuggled him out of the country on a cloudy summer's night.

Now 46, Wu'er has spent longer in exile in the United States and on the self-governing island of Taiwan than in his homeland China. He is an investment banker in Taipei, husband to a Tai-

wanese and father of two sons, aged 19 and 16.

"I still consider myself as a democracy activist, an active dissident. It just unfortunately doesn't pay so I have to find another way to support the family," said Wu'er, one of the most-wanted student protest leaders, by Internet video phone from his Taipei home.

He wore a T-shirt emblazoned with "Free LXB" — a reference to Liu Xiaobo, the activist and Nobel Peace

want to carry on our own mission, to finish the unfinished business."

In the last five years, he has tried four times to go home to see his ailing parents, kneel before them and beg for their forgiveness for their suffering — even if he must do it within the walls of a prison. But like many other dissidents, he is not only wanted for arrest, but prevented from returning. His parents have been denied permission to visit him.

for some student demands during the protests, was accused of splitting the party and spent the last 16 years of his life under house arrest.

His aide, Bao Tong, was imprisoned for seven years. Since his release in 1996, he has lived under house arrest, his moves observed, his visitors screened by security services who sit at a desk in the lobby of his high-rise apartment building. A reporter from The Associated

the whole world what really happened."

Bao says at least 99 percent of the responsibility for deploying the army in 1989 lies with China's then-leader Deng Xiaoping, who died in 1997.

"I think Deng took this decision because he wanted to safeguard one-party rule, and its governing of China," said Bao. "He feared the people would become the masters of this country, and would leave the party



Former student leader in the Tiananmen protests of 1989, Wu'er Kaixi poses for a portrait at a local coffee shop in Taipei, Taiwan. Kaixi's last glimpse of China was a fading shore from a boat that had come to collect him on a cloudy summer's night. Now 46, Wu'er has spent longer in exile in the United States and on the self-governing island of Taiwan than in his homeland China. He is an investment banker in Taipei, husband to a Taiwanese and father of two sons, aged 19 and 16.

(AP Photo/Wally Santana)

laureate who is serving an 11-year sentence in China on subversion charges.

Wu'er's most despairing time in the years after 1989 came on the 20th anniversary of the military crackdown. China had won admiration for the Beijing Olympics the previous year. It was gearing up for its first global fair — the Shanghai Expo — and many were touting it as the economic engine to help pull the world out of the global financial crisis.

"I felt like the world was betraying the idea of democracy ... giving in to China," he said. "But we the Chinese democracy activists

"Not being able to see the parents, being able to step back on the country that you care so much about, that is painful and that is harsh and unjust," he said. "But my parents that I haven't seen so much have also brought me up to be a person who does the right thing. And I know what I have done in 1989 was the right thing, the right thing to do."

While some have spent the past quarter-century in exile, others have been consigned to a life under surveillance. The reform-minded Communist Party general secretary Zhao Ziyang, who expressed sympathy

Press was followed into an elevator and stopped from going up to Bao's floor, but another managed to go up in a second elevator in the meantime.

In his apartment in western Beijing, with photos of Zhao on the shelves and walls, Bao spoke of his disappointment as how, despite the passing of 25 years, "It is as if time has stopped for China."

"Back then, they feared the students, and deployed tanks and guns against these students," he said. "Today, they don't dare to tell this to the public. They don't dare to tell the truth to the Chinese people, tell

out, and then the party would not be able to continue being the master of China.

"He has already passed away, and his successors, his heirs in the party still do not dare to point out and say: 'Deng Xiaoping made a mistake,'" he said.

A teenage soldier in the People's Liberation Army, Chen Guang was assigned to clean up the protest site the morning after. He later left the army to become an artist, but his memories of ashes, hair and burning have influenced his oil paintings, some of which are as realistic as photographs.



Loyal Visitors honored at the Divi Phoenix Aruba

PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort, as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Good Will. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Gerrit and Mrs. Elly Kerkdijk of Holland, Mrs. Shelly Cascio and daughter Lauren Lambert of Florida, Mrs. Barbara Manfra of Boston, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Patricia Goodwin and son Myles Jose Goodwin of Eliot, Maine.

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gether with Mrs. Avril representing the Divi Phoenix. □



Founders of Art Rules; Ira and Ayra Kip nominated as “Pearls of the Dutch Caribbean”

ORANJESTAD - Recently, the Dutch Caribbean Pearl Awards in the Netherlands announced 35 nominees, in different categories to celebrate and acknowl-

edge the work of several organizations and individuals whom are positive example within Dutch Caribbean community. Nominees have been noted by

public vote and selected by a panel of judges who nominated Ira and Ayra Kip in the category Arts & Literature for their outstanding work with their Pancake

Gallery Foundation and as founders of the International Educational Arts Program, Art Rules.

Organizers of the DC Pearls also know as OCEAN (Overleg Orgaan Caribische Nederlanders) are the official operating advisory to the Dutch Government and its ministries. Since 2012, the organization, in collaboration with the city of Rotterdam, have been acknowledging and promoting the accomplishments of people and businesses whose work is either a positive example of, or dedicated to the advancement of the Dutch Caribbean community both in the Netherlands and on all six Dutch Caribbean islands.

On May 22nd Ira and Ayra received an official letter stating that they have been nominated for the Award and invited to the main Award gala and show on June 14th with the mayor of Rotterdam.

The twin sisters Kip released a statement, expressing to be humbled with this nomination and exited with this, as they noted, unexpected nomination. Currently working hard and deep into pre production for the 5-year

celebration of Art Rules Aruba and the kick off, for Art Rules Curaçao, Ira and Ayra are working overtime to get both projects of the ground. “The past 5 years have been really intense for us. We have sacrificed a lot to realize our goals and have had to go through a lot of unnoticeable battles to make this work. It is great that even though people don't see the struggle, they acknowledge the outcome”. Ira and Ayra also explained that they are happy to take a moment to enjoy the fruits of their labor also sending out a big thank you to all their supporters.

Aside from their nomination in specific categories, Ira and Ayra are also up for the “Most Outstanding Pearl Award”. This award is the acknowledgement of the Best Pearl of 2013/2014 Award and is voted on by the public. To vote for Ira and Ayra, visit <http://www.dcpearls.nl/> and for more information on their Arts Program Art Rules visit the websites and social pages at artrulesaruba.com and artrulescuracao.com facebook @artrulesaruba @artrulescuracao twitter @artrulesU.□

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singing their classic karaoke songs- mostly Whitney Houston "I will always love you" that always makes her laugh. For her favorite food and drink, Brandi doesn't have to look far for a delicious Grouper with Malibu Pineapple or Balashi Chill. Her days in Aruba are spent relaxing at the beach, paddle boarding or visiting

friends. When we asked her to mention one last funny fact, she said: 'I actually have a tattoo of the Bugaloe sun on me and my license plate from California "Bugaloe" is hanging in the bar'. Great to see Brandi back again, and the Bugaloe crew would like to thank her for being such a lovely guest year after year! □



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on Trip Advisor. Recently the US/Canadian journal for glass blowers and flame workers "The Flow", wrote an article about Terrafuse and its activities in their Spring 2014 issue. This can

be considered as the start of a new group of tourists visiting Aruba for other reasons than to enjoy our beautiful beaches, i.g. for art and creativity, or more specific glass blowing and

flame working. The magazine has over 11,000 readers.

In 2010 Terrafuse opened a facility for glass blowing and in 2012 the first workshop glass blowing was given. The participants made their first paperweights during this class. Blown art work from Ciro Abath can be seen at the airport of Aruba, where 200 glass drops in green and blue symbolizing 'water' welcome the travels arriving on Aruba. Also 'Wind' has been symbolized in glass in combination with 'floating' metal strips.

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Bubba Watson kicks a divot after hitting to the ninth green during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament Friday, May 30, 2014, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

Casey surges, McIlroy tumbles at the Memorial

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Paul Casey expected to be chasing someone Friday in the Memorial, figuring it would be Rory McIlroy.

After two holes, Casey had the lead to himself at Muirfield Village, and that was only the start of another big day. He took advantage of the par 5s for another 6-under 66, giving him a three-shot lead over Masters champion Bubba Watson going into the weekend.

McIlroy, whose 63 was the lowest first round in the 39-year history of the tournament, was barely in the picture. He was 15 shots worse with a 78, courtesy of three straight double bogeys and his fourth straight PGA Tour event with a nine-hole score of 40 or higher. McIlroy went from a three-shot lead to nine shots behind.

"To be honest, I thought I was going to be playing a round to try and maybe catch a couple of guys," Casey said.

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Djokovic beats Cilic to reach French Open 4th rd

Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Croatia's Marin Cilic during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Friday, May 30, 2014.

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Porcello earns eighth win as Tigers split series

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, California (AP)

— Miguel Cabrera hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the fifth to back Rick Porcello's eighth victory, helping the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-4 on Thursday for a split of the four-game series between division leaders.

Porcello (8-2) overcame a career-high six walks, three shy of his season total coming into Thursday's start. Joe Nathan earned his 13th save after allowing Josh Donaldson's leadoff double, an RBI infield single by Yoenis Cespedes and Josh Reddick's run-scoring double. It was Nathan's first outing since he surrendered Donaldson's game-ending three-run homer in Wednesday's 3-1 loss for his fourth blown save opportunity.

Victor Martinez doubled home two runs in the seventh and Cabrera also had an RBI groundout for the Tigers, who head to Seattle for the weekend before returning home.

Nick Punto hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Oakland, which wasted chances all game to lose for only the seventh time in 20 games. Jesse Chavez (4-3) lost consecutive starts for the first time this season following a two-game winning streak.

ROYALS 8, BLUE JAYS 6, 10

INNINGS

TORONTO (AP) — Omar Infante hit a two-run single in the 10th inning and the Royals overcame two home runs by Edwin Encarnacion to beat the Blue Jays, ending Toronto's winning streak at nine games. Facing Todd Redmond (0-4), Alcides Escobar singled to begin the 10th. Pedro Ciriaco was hit on the front of the helmet while squaring to bunt and Nori Aoki advanced the runners with a sacrifice before Infante lined a single just over the reach of leaping third baseman Brett Lawrie.

Wade Davis (4-1) worked two innings for the win and Greg Holland closed it out for his 15th save in 16 chances.

Encarnacion matched a major league record with his fifth multihomer game in a month. Albert Belle did it in September 1995 and Harmon Killebrew in May 1959.

The blasts were Encarnacion's 15th and 16th in May, breaking Bautista's team record for homers in a month.

RANGERS 5, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Leonys Martin doubled twice and scored three times, including the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, as Texas won its second straight four-game series on the road.



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Rick Porcello throws to the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, May 29, 2014, in Oakland, Calif.

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Shin-Soo Choo hit a three-run double in the second for the Rangers, but the Twins took a 4-3 lead in the fifth inning on Josh Willingham's first home run of the season, a no-doubt drive to the second deck above left-center field.

Alexi Ogando (2-2) got four outs for the victory, and Joakim Soria retired the last two batters for his 10th save. Soria saved the last two games of the series after he had his first blown chance of the season in Tuesday's 4-3 loss.

Martin hit a leadoff double in the eighth against Casey

Fien (3-2), moved up on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Rougned Odor's sacrifice fly. Texas has won eight of 11.

ANGELS 7, MARINERS 5

SEATTLE (AP) — Erick Aybar hit a three-run homer and Matt Shoemaker pitched effectively into the sixth inning as the Angels beat the Mariners.

Recalled from Triple-A Salt Lake on Wednesday, Shoemaker (3-1) set down the side in order four times in 5 1-3 innings. He allowed three runs on four hits, equaled a career-high six strikeouts and did not walk

a batter for the first time in five career starts.

Brandon Maurer (1-4) lasted just four innings, allowing five runs on six hits and four walks. It's the fifth time in seven starts this season that Maurer has failed to reach the fifth inning.

HOUSTON 3, BALTIMORE 1

HOUSTON (AP) — George Springer hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning, and the Astros extended their winning streak to six with a victory over the Orioles.

Springer's shot to left off Preston Guilmet (0-1) extended the rookie's hitting streak to 11 games and was his seventh homer in his last seven games.

Brad Peacock allowed a run on six hits with eight strikeouts in six innings.

Josh Fields (1-3) threw two scoreless innings for the win, and Chad Qualls pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Baltimore's Ubaldo Jimenez allowed one run on three hits with eight strikeouts in six innings.

INTERLEAGUE

RED SOX 4, BRAVES 3

BOSTON (AP) — Tommy La Stella's failure to catch a force attempt at second base allowed Jackie Bradley Jr. to score from second with none out in the ninth inning, giving the Red Sox their fourth straight win after a 10-game skid. □



Jeff Gordon waits in his car before practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup series Coca-Cola 600 auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday, May 24, 2014

Associated Press

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon said Friday he will have to retire if he con-

tinues to suffer the same, excruciating back pain that he did before last weekend's Coca-Cola 600. Related Stories

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BREAKING NEWS: Jeff Gordon beset with back spasms, Regan Smith on standby for Coca-Cola 600 NBC Sports

The 42-year-old Gordon is in no hurry to slow down. But he said he hopes he

has found some solutions to the back woes that nearly forced him out of NASCAR's longest race. Gordon cut short his practice runs last week because of back spasms and there was some concern whether or not he would be able to race.

Regan Smith was on standby and Gordon needed treatment after the practice session. But he wound up in his familiar seat behind the wheel of the No. 24 and finished seventh, his ninth top-10 finish in 12 races this season.

Gordon knows consistent, shooting pain like he suffered at Charlotte Motor Speedway could drive him toward an early retirement. "I can tell you, if that happens many more times, I won't have a choice," Gordon said Friday at Dover Motor Speedway.

Gordon had soreness Monday and Tuesday, though that didn't deviate too much from how he would feel after driving 600 grueling miles. He said his back is not at 100 percent, and probably never will be behind the wheel. □

NL Capsules

Morse, Sandoval propel Giants past Cardinals

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) Michael Morse homered and drove in three runs, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a 6-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series.

The Giants have won seven of eight and the Cardinals have dropped three of four to start a nine-game home stand.

Pablo Sandoval homered and scored twice. Gregor Blanco scored from second on Angel Pagan's single to center off Carlos Martinez (0-3) to tie the score at 4-all in the eighth. Pagan moved to second on Peter Bourjos' throwing error. After Sandoval was intentionally walked, Morse doubled to deep center to drive in Pagan and Sandoval for a 6-4 lead. Javier Lopez (1-0) got two

groundouts in relief of Ryan Vogelsong for his first win since Sept. 22, 2013.

METS 4, PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Chris Young hit a two-run homer and Zack Wheeler struck out nine in 6 1-3 innings to lead the Mets over the Phillies in the opener of a rare five-game series.

The Mets, who opened an 11-game road trip, matched a season best with their third straight victory while beating the Phillies for the sixth straight time at Citizens Bank Park. Marlon Byrd homered for the Phillies, who struck out a season-high 15 times.

The series originally was scheduled for four games, but the teams will make up their April 30 rainout on Monday, which originally was a day off for both teams. Wheeler (2-5) retired eight

of the first 10 batters via strikeout.

David Buchanan (1-1) left after giving up four runs ând seven hits with two strikeouts and walks.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, REDS 0 PHOENIX (AP) Josh Collmenter faced the minimum in a three-hitter and Aaron Hill homered and had two RBIs as the Diamondbacks beat the light-hitting Reds.

Collmenter (4-2) breezed through his first career complete game, joining Randy Johnson as the only Arizona pitcher to face the minimum 27 batters in a nine-inning game. Johnson did it during his perfect game against Atlanta in 2004. Hill had three hits, including a solo homer in the sixth inning off Tony Cingrani (2-5). A.J. Pollock had a double, a triple



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval, right, scores on a two-run double by Michael Morse as St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina looks for the throw during the eighth inning of a baseball game Thursday, May 29, 2014, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

and scored two runs from the leadoff spot for the Diamondbacks, who have won five of seven.

PIRATES 6, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) Josh Harrison's second RBI

single triggered a three-run seventh inning, and Russell Martin and Pedro Alvarez homered as the Pirates won for only the third time in their last 20 games at Dodger Stadium. □



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NHL Roundup

Rangers beat Canadiens in 6, reach Cup finals

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist bounced back from one of the toughest games of his career with a performance that put the Rangers in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time in 20 years.

Lundqvist wasn't overly busy in stopping all 18 shots he faced, but there was no margin for error. Dominic Moore's second-period goal gave New York a 1-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The Rangers, who spent parts of the season as a question mark to make the playoffs, are in the finals for the first time since winning the title in 1994.

"We played so well the entire game," Lundqvist said. "For me it was more about just being focused on the shots they had."

Lundqvist and the Rangers shook off a 7-4 loss on Tuesday night in Montreal when they had their first chance



In this Thursday, May 29, 2014 photo, New York Rangers right wing Derek Dorsett (15) reacts after center Dominic Moore (28) scored against the Montreal Canadiens during the second period in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Eastern Conference finals in New York. The Rangers won 1-0 to advance to the Stanley Cup finals.

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to end the Eastern Conference finals.

Lundqvist quickly grew tired of the questions about that poor night, when he was

yanked after allowing four goals in less than two periods. Now he is in the finals for the first time in his nine-year career.

"It's been tough," Lundqvist said. "You have so many highs. You have a few lows where you're questioning a lot of things, but then you

just have to make up your mind, you can't have any excuses.

I don't think I've been more determined to win a hockey game. To put ourselves in a spot where we can play for the Cup is extremely special."

Lundqvist leaped several times in his crease with his hands raised as streamers were fired off from the rafters at the final buzzer.

"It was just such a great feeling to see how we responded from the last game," Lundqvist said. "The third period, I think we played our best period of the playoffs. When it mattered the most, the guys really stepped up."

Lundqvist equaled the team record for playoff shutouts with nine.

The Rangers are the first team to advance to the finals after being stretched to seven games in the first two rounds.

To celebrate, the Empire State Building was immediately lit up in the team's red, white and blue.

Memorial

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"I woke up checking the scores to see what Rory was going to be. That's really what I was going to be doing -- see how many under I was going to have to try to shoot to chase. Obviously, that didn't happen." Casey, taking another step on a long road back from injuries that nearly derailed his career, was at 12-under 132.

He made his first birdie with his best drive of the day on the par-5 11th, setting up a 4-iron onto the green for a two-putt birdie. He made eagle on the par-5 15th hole for the second straight day, and he stuffed it close around the turn for birdies to start pulling away from the field.

Watson gave him a good run in an active round that featured six birdies, five bogeys and an eagle. He only

was angry at a few shots where he failed to concentrate. Even so, a bogey-bogey finish wasn't enough to entirely ruin his day. Watson has never finished better than 23rd in eight previous appearances.

"I can't look at the bogeys," Watson said. "I've got to look at where I'm at. If you told me it's my best two days around this golf course, I'd take it."

Chris Kirk (70) was four shots behind. Hideki Matsuyama (67) and Martin Flores (68) were five back.

Adam Scott, who won Colonial in his debut at No. 1 in the world, shot 70 and was at 5-under 139, still in the mix depending on how Casey fares on the weekend. Phil Mickelson was happy to get in two more rounds. He shot a 70, though he was 10 shots back.

Casey, once a Ryder Cup regular who reached as high as No. 3 in the world, is slowly getting his game and his life back in the right

place. He endured injuries to his shoulder and his toe that kept him winless for more than two years. He went through a divorce. He wondered if he would ever return to the brand of golf he was capable of playing. Weeks like this offer promise.

Casey won the Irish Open a year ago with what he called "spectacular" golf. The game is still there.

"It's slowly crawling along and making progress, climbing back up the ladder, however you want to phrase it," Casey said. "It's very difficult when you've played to a certain level and then ... I genuinely had no clue how to play to that level."

"Luckily, I didn't think about that too long."

His life is back in order. Casey is married to British television presenter Pollyanna Woodward. They are expecting their first child (a boy) in September. He talks about having perspective,



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, reacts after a bogey on the 18th hole at the Memorial golf tournament in Dublin, Ohio, Friday, May 30, 2014.

Associated Press

knowing where golf fits on his list of what's important. His golf has looked familiar over the last two days. McIlroy could say the same. Except for last week at the BMW PGA Championship in England, which he won with birdies on the last two holes, McIlroy's good golf has been stalled by bad patches, and Friday was no exception.

In fact, it nearly has become the rule.

He shot a 43 on the back nine — he started the round at No. 10 — making this the fourth consecutive PGA Tour event where he shot at least 40 over nine holes. All of them have been in the second round. McIlroy twice hit the trees on the 13th hole and made double bogey.

In a flash, Federer takes control at French Open

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — In what seemed like a flash, and in what surely felt like a flash of pain for his opponent, Roger Federer went from vulnerable to commanding.

It was that quick.

Federer lost a second-set tiebreaker Friday to Dmitry Tursunov, and that surely did not bode well for the 17-time Grand Slam champion. Then Tursunov felt a split second of discomfort in his left hip.

And that was it.

Federer was back on track at the French Open, on his way to a 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-4 victory and into the second week of a major tournament yet again.

"Everything that was out of his control, like moving defense, that's when it got difficult," said Federer, who advanced to the fourth round at Roland Garros for the 10th straight year. "Clearly, on the clay, it's difficult to hit three great shots in a row. So I tried to extend the rallies, but serve nice and stay aggressive throughout. And I think that was a bit too much for his hip, or whatever it was."

It was something of an escape for Federer, who lost a set for the first time at this year's tournament. Then again, Novak Djokovic also lost a set Friday before advancing with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4 win over 25th-seeded Marin Cilic.

With eight-time champion Rafael Nadal and 2013 finalist David Ferrer perfect through their opening two matches, the pressure is on the others to keep their level high.

"It wasn't easy because once you start being passive, you lose kind of the confidence to step in," Djokovic said of his win. "That's what happened maybe in the end of the third and a little bit of the fourth."

Of course, that's nothing compared to the women's tournament, where third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska followed defending champion Serena Williams and Li Na out of the tournament.

That leaves Simona Halep, who plays Saturday, as the highest-seeded player in the draw at No. 4. It also leaves 2012 French Open champion Maria Sharapova as the favorite after her



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball during the third round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Russia's Dmitry Tursunov at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Friday, May 30, 2014.

Associated Press

6-0, 6-0 rout Friday.

The woman who beat Williams, Garbine Muguruza of Spain, also advanced to the fourth round.

Federer and Djokovic, though, were expected to win, and they did. Tursunov, with an 0-4 record against Federer heading into the match, wasn't, and he didn't.

"Overall, the first two sets ... I felt that it was a fairly even battle out there," said Tursunov, who was broken only once in the first two sets. "It's hard for me to predict, but definitely playing on one leg is not going to make things eas-

ier. Tough luck for me, but hopefully I'll get him somewhere else."

It's still not completely clear what happened to the 31st-seeded Tursunov, but it most certainly led to a bit of a meltdown a few minutes later.

"It was right after the changeover of the second set," he said. "We sat down and then got up and then he was serving, and then right after the first serve was kind of like, 'Something is not right.'"

Federer broke Tursunov in that opening game, and led 2-1 at the first changeover. Tursunov called for a

trainer, and started to lose his cool. He screamed at the chair umpire, yelling "start using your brain," while angrily mixing his personal purple drink. A medical trainer came out and chatted with the Russian while he continued fiddling with the plastic bottle and a funnel.

Finally, Tursunov left the court and headed for a training room in the bowels of Court Philippe Chatrier. Meanwhile, out on the red clay of the main stadium, Federer was practicing his serves, drawing some boisterous shouts of "Ole" from the waiting crowd. □

Jennifer Johnson leads ShopRite LPGA Classic

DAVE ZEITLIN

Associated Press

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (AP) — Jenni-

fer Johnson matched the course record with a 9-under 62 on Friday to take the first-round lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

The 22-year-old Johnson, the winner last year in Mobile, Alabama, had 10 birdies — five straight on Nos. 9-13 — and a bogey on the Bay Course at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

"I've been playing well the past few weeks, so I

felt pretty good about my game," Johnson said. "If you just let it happen and just let a good round come together, normally it does." Haru Nomura had a bogey-free 63, and Christina Kim opened with a 64.

Top-ranked Inbee Park and Na Yeon Choi shot 66 in the morning session.

But they're all chasing Johnson, who matched the record set by Laura Davies and Jimin Kang in 2005. Johnson had a shot at a 63 on the course two years ago.

"On 17, that's when I was 8 under and I was trying to

beat my 63," Johnson said. "So then I started getting a little nervous because my goal was to get to 10 under, but I only got to 9. But when you shoot something that you've never shot before, nerves are going to happen."

Nomura had eight birdies in her career-low round.

"All in all, my putting was on, my shot was really good and the conditions were great," Nomura said. "So everything was perfect today."

Kim finished with seven birdies, including a 35-foot



Jennifer Johnson lines up a putt on the 18th hole during the first round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf tournament in Galloway Township, N.J., Friday, May 30, 2014. Johnson tied the tournament record with a 9-under-par 62.

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putt on 11 that she called "one of the longest putts I've made since the 90s." Park, winless this season,

had five birdies a week after missing the cut in Alabama to end her streak at 22 events. □

Spurs rout Thunder to take 3-2 lead in West finals

RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Back at home, this blowout went to the Spurs.

San Antonio took a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals with a 117-89 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night. Now they can clinch their return to the NBA Finals on the road, where they are the ones taking the beatings.

"This is the craziest series I've ever been involved in," said Tim Duncan, who had 22 points and 12 rebounds.

The Jekyll-and-Hyde series continued between the past two Western Conference champions, as the road team has been thumped in every game so far.

Game 6 is Saturday in Oklahoma City.

"I have no clue, honestly," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of the disparity. "I think every game, it's a different animal. It really is. We talk to our team about that all the time. You have no clue what's going to happen, how a team is going to come out, whether they're going to be lethargic or hold the ball, get 50/50 balls or don't get 50/50 balls."

Kevin Durant scored 25 points, but Russell Westbrook had only 21 points



San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili, left, shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder's Caron Butler (2) during the second half of Game 5 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series, Thursday, May 29, 2014, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 117-89.

NBA Roundup

and seven assists after finishing with 40 points and 10 assists in Game 4.

Manu Ginobili scored 19 points, Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green each had 14 and Boris Diaw added 13 for the Spurs, who are a win away from returning to the NBA Finals after losing in seven games to Miami last year.

The Spurs returned to the style of play that enabled them to win the series' first two games by a combined

52 points.

"We gave them everything they wanted," Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said. "They got the dribble drive, they got the 3-point line, and they got to the free-throw line."

The Spurs were also 13 for 26 on 3-pointers and out-rebounded the Thunder 48-35. San Antonio also limited Oklahoma City to four fast-break points after giving up 21 in Game 4.

After losing twice in Okla-

homa City by an average of 11 points, San Antonio upped its average winning margin in San Antonio above 26 points.

Oklahoma City had just 34 points in the second half after scoring 32 in the first quarter.

"Our shots weren't falling for us," Durant said. "We've got to stay aggressive and we've got to get stops. When we can't make a shot, we've got to play defense, and we didn't to-night."

San Antonio outscored Oklahoma City by 10 points in both the second and third quarters, allowing both teams to sit their starters for much of the fourth.

Serge Ibaka, who dominated the interior in Oklahoma City, was held to six points and two rebounds.

The Spurs started Matt Bonner in place of Tiago Splitter to draw Ibaka out of the paint and it worked early. It also helped defensively, as Ibaka attacked Bonner but missed his first five shots on a series of running hooks. Duncan was also able to help defensively, rolling over to block a layup attempt by Ibaka.

"He didn't have the games that he had the last two games, that's pretty clear," Brooks said. "I thought his energy was good. He competed. He missed some shots that he normally

makes. (But) it was everybody. It was everybody."

San Antonio's crowd was raucous from the start, booing Westbrook heavily during pregame introductions and erupting joyously when Green scored the team's first points on a 3-pointer 1 ½ minutes into the game.

Oklahoma City withstood the early barrage, going on an 11-2 run for its largest lead of the game.

San Antonio kept Westbrook out of the paint early, but that only opened up the lanes for Jackson, who made his first five shots. He had four straight layups and then drained a 3-pointer with Parker closely defending.

When asked if San Antonio had done anything differently to keep him out of the paint, Westbrook said, "nothing."

Three-point shooting got San Antonio back into the game, as Patty Mills and Green closed the first with consecutive 3s to tie the game at 32-all.

Diaw's 3 gave San Antonio a 42-37 lead with 6:12 left in the first half and resulted in an Oklahoma City timeout. Ginobili's 3 gave a 65-52 lead with 6.9 seconds left in the first half.

Ginobili's third 3 gave San Antonio an 87-70 lead with 3 minutes remaining in the third. □

Quintana wins mountain time trial, extends lead

BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, Italy (AP) — Colombia's Nairo Quintana showed off his climbing strength and increased his lead in the Giro d'Italia with a victory Friday in the 19th stage, a mountain time trial.

Quintana, runner-up at last year's Tour de France, clocked 1 hour, 5 minutes, 37 seconds over the 26.8-kilometer (16.7-mile) route from Bassano del Grappa to Cima Grappa.

Italy's Fabio Aru finished second, 17 seconds behind, and Colombia's Rigo-

berto Uran was third, 1:26 behind.

"I had a great feeling and I took full advantage of it," said Quintana, who rides for the Movistar team. "I was really well prepared."

After his second stage win in this year's race, Quintana moved 3:07 ahead of Uran in the overall standings. Aru moved ahead of Pierre Roland into third, 3:48 back. Giuseppe Martinelli, Aru's team director with Astana, continued to discuss the controversial 16th stage, which was also won

by Quintana amid questions whether the dangerous descent from the Stelvio pass was supposed to be neutralized or not.

"I think that conditioned the race,"

Martinelli said. "Quintana probably would still have won but not with a three-minute advantage (on Aru)."

The opening five kilometers (three miles) of the time trial were nearly flat but then the road tilted uphill dramatically, reaching a gradient of 14 percent at one



Nairo Quintana takes the start on his way to win the 19th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, in Bassano del Grappa, Friday, May 30, 2014.

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point.

Many riders changed bikes after the flat section, going from a specialized time trial version to their regular road bikes for the climb.

Quintana even changed his helmet.

"It only cost me a few seconds," Quintana said. "I was really calm. We practiced it." □

Music industry optimistic about Apple-Beats deal

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

When Cortez Bryant decided to negotiate a headphones marketing deal for his clients Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj a few years ago, he turned down more money from other more established companies to sign with Beats By Dre for a simple reason.

"There was a bunch of history there, so at the end of the day I took less up-front money to be part of this deal with people who understood pop culture" Bryant said. "I try to stick to that because if I lose touch with pop culture, then I'm out of the music business."

A day after the sale of Beats By Dre on Wednesday to tech giant Apple Inc., members of the music industry were abuzz about what the \$3 billion deal might mean for an area thought to be in an irreversible decline. Label executive Jimmy Iovine and business partner Dr. Dre's move to Apple has those who make their money on music expecting changes that are generally positive for the overall business — though maybe not for every artist trying to make a living.

"It's all wins," said Daniel Glass, owner of Mumford & Sons label Glassnote Records. "It's a win for everybody and the fact is the value of a copyright, a master, went up a lot. Think



In this image provided by Apple, from left to right, music entrepreneur and Beats co-founder Jimmy Iovine, Apple CEO Tim Cook, Beats co-founder Dr. Dre, and Apple senior vice president Eddy Cue pose together at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

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about it: The perception and value of music went up because of the amount of hands this will be in."

The industry inadvertently opened the door for file sharing when it refused to sign a deal with Napster at the turn of the century. Few people pay for music, and with physical and digital sales declining, the value of music has continued to decrease as members of the industry resisted the new — but different — revenue model from streaming.

In the confusion, some forgot the power of music. It's now about more than the song, something innovative thinkers like Iovine and Dre have never forgotten.

"Apple wouldn't have

been built, at least not the way it was, without music, without the iPod, without iTunes and everything else that follows since then," said Billboard deputy editor Yinka Adegoke. "We shouldn't forget that. It's quite clear Apple didn't forget that. There is great value to music and this deal is a great reminder of that. Even if you don't buy music directly, this shows the importance of music in the modern world."

The deal, which Adegoke calls a "game-changer," happens at a time of great movement in the business. Only recently have record labels, artists and managers started to accept the subscription streaming

model, which pays artists per track play rather than in a lump sum when an album or track is sold.

With digital sales starting to decline, Apple added a streaming radio component to its digital sales catalog, but was still left out of the subscription market. The addition of Beats not only gives the company cool hardware to package with its devices, but also gives it a streaming service, recently launched with much media attention, without building one from scratch.

Spotify's success — the streamer recently announced it had reached 10 million paid subscribers — the Beats-Apple deal

and YouTube's impending entry into the market have insiders looking differently at the inevitability of streaming. Doc McGhee, manager for Kiss and Darius Rucker, said the movement has changed the minds of many label executives, something akin to "turning a 700-foot ship." It might be scary to throw your lot in with a startup, but Apple brings a long track record of success. As McGhee puts it, "They're the Tiger Woods of tech. They're not winning as much, but they're still winning more than everybody else."

Apple has the track record — and current customer base — to engender trust as its current and future partners navigate the new music world.

"This deal will make music streaming go mainstream," Adegoke said. "You just have to think about Apple's access to 800 million credit card accounts, hundreds of millions of devices, the iOS ecosystem. We knew this was coming, that streaming would be the access for music, but we needed something like this to happen so the average person will see that actually paying \$10 a month for music isn't that big of a deal."

Many expect a rapid consolidation or change in the music world as the giants take the field. □

Motorola to close only U.S. smartphone factory

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Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Google's Motorola Mobility handset unit has announced it will close its Texas factory by the end of this year, barely a year after it opened as the first smartphone factory in the U.S. Sales of its flagship phone, the Moto X, have been weak and the costs of running the plant are too high to keep operations going, Motorola Mobility spokesman Will Moss said. Singa-

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Google bought cellphone pioneer Motorola Mobility for \$12.4 billion in 2012. □



In this Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, file photo, workers man the Motorola smartphone plant in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Dow, S&P close out May at record highs

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed out May on a mostly higher note Friday, sending two out of the three major U.S. indexes to record highs.

Trading was uneven, and indexes moved between small gains and losses for most of the day. A late push higher left the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 at all-time highs, but just barely.

May was the best month for investors since February. The S&P rose 2.1 percent for the month, while the Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.8 percent and the Nasdaq rose 3.1 percent.

"This market may have been choppy earlier in the year, but the trend is higher," said Karyn Cavanaugh, a market strategist with Voya Investment Management, formerly known as ING Investment Management.

The Dow rose 18.43 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 16,717.17, less than two points above its previous record high set on May 13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,923.57, also closing at a new record. The Nasdaq composite, however, fell 5.33 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,242.62.

On Friday, investors had two somewhat disappointing reports on the U.S. consumer to interpret.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending unexpectedly

fell 0.1 percent in April, the first drop in that indicator in a year. Economists expect the drop to be temporary, however. Consumer spending jumped 1 percent in March.

"It is obvious that after an unseasonably colder January and February, consumers came out with a vengeance in March," Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight, said

Next week will be heavy with economic data. The May jobs report comes out June 6. Economists expect the U.S. economy created 220,000 jobs in May, and the unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent, according to FactSet, a financial information provider. The European Central Bank will also have its interest rate policy meeting that day.

Lions Gate Entertainment

Sunglasses retailer Pacific Sunwear dropped 52 cents, or 18 percent, to \$2.42. The company warned investors that would report a two-cent loss this quarter versus the two-cent profit that analysts had expected.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was little changed at 2.47 percent. Bond yields are the near their lows for the year thanks to strong demand



Traders Jonathan Corpina, left, and James Doherty work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, May 30, 2014. The stock market closed out May on a mostly higher note Friday, sending two out of the three major U.S. indexes to record highs. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

in a note to clients. "So, April's poor showing on the spending front is payback for a strong March."

In a separate report, the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index fell more than analysts were expecting. The index fell to 81.9 in May from 84.9 in April. Economists had expected 82.8.

was one of the biggest decliners Friday. The movie studio dropped \$3.40, or 12 percent, to \$26.13 after reporting a profit of 35 cents per share, a 70 percent drop from the year before and well below what analysts had expected. Lions Gate's movies include the "The Hunger Games" series.

from foreign and U.S. buyers.

"If we were in a normal bond market, these yields would signal weakness in the U.S. economy," said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. "But I think what's going on is more of a temporary phenomenon."

COMMODITIES

Wheat slides down for third straight week

STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Market Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wheat fell for the third consecutive week as traders factored in the prospect of cooler, wetter weather in coming months that could help crops.

The price of wheat for delivery in July dropped 5.25 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$6.28 a bushel. Wheat has fallen 3.9 percent this week and is down 13 percent in the last three weeks.

Wheat is also falling as traders become less concerned that the tensions in Ukraine will escalate to such an extent that they disrupt the nation's export of the grain. Forecasters expect "nice clement temperatures, nothing too hot and precipitation is timely," said Mike Zuzolo, president of Global Commodity Analytics and Consulting.

Corn for July dropped 3.75 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$4.66 a bushel on Friday. Soybeans fell 5.75 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$14.93 a bushel. Most metals fell, led by a drop in silver futures.

Silver for July fell 33.20 cents, or 1.7 percent, to \$18.68 an ounce. Gold for August fell \$11.10, or 0.9 percent, to \$1,246 an ounce. Copper for July fell 2.1 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$3.12 per pound. Platinum for the same month dropped \$7.40, or 0.5 percent, to \$1,452.70 an ounce.

Palladium for September edged up \$1.85, or 0.2 percent, to \$836.35 an ounce. In energy trading, the price of oil fell 87 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$102.71 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline fell 2.4 cents to close at \$2.97 a gallon. Natural gas fell 1.7 cents to close at \$4.54 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil fell 3.2 cents to \$2.89 a gallon. □

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Google bought cellphone pioneer Motorola Mobility for \$12.4 billion in 2012. Originally retailing the Moto X for \$600, amid flagging sales, Google dropped the price to \$399. Still, only a fraction of the units were sold compared to the Apple iPhone. □

Norris Column:

After Crisis, a New Spirit of Reining In the Banks

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It is widely believed that there has long been something that could be called a regulator-banker complex. People with similar views on the proper level of regulation move back and forth between the two groups. Their hats change, but not their policy preferences. Retired chairmen of Goldman Sachs tended to wind up in important government jobs, and some took for granted that was true of all top regulators. Timothy Geithner, who

and therefore in calculating how much capital was needed.

And there was a general willingness to assume that everything was fine. Did the U.S. arm of Deutsche Bank have virtually no capital? Who cared? Surely the parent was well capitalized and would stand behind its subsidiary. And if that failed, surely the German government would not allow a disaster.

But the financial crisis changed many things. And one of them was that consensus. Regulators saw

founding principles of the banker-regulator complex. "Market fundamentalism - in the form of light-touch regulation, the belief that bubbles cannot be identified and that markets always clear - contributed directly to the financial crisis," Mark Carney, the governor of the Bank of England, said in a speech in London this week. He spoke of a "malaise in corners of finance that must be remedied."

Carney sounded like a friend of banks compared with another speaker at

sis," Carney said, "banking became about banks not businesses; transactions not relations; counterparties not clients. New instruments originally designed to meet the credit and hedging needs of businesses quickly morphed into ways to amplify bets on financial outcomes."

Lagarde added that "the true role of the financial sector is to serve, not to rule, the economy. Its real job is to benefit people, especially by financing investment and thus helping with the creation of jobs

Financial Services Committee, that sounds suspicious. "It would be an abuse of regulatory discretion to use vague, subjective and unquantifiable indicators to justify regulatory outcomes that could not otherwise be justified," he wrote in a letter to bank regulators last week.

He asked that they explain by June 12 how they could legally use such discretion. "Objectivity delivers fair competition and predictability; predictability fosters market stability; market stability tends to promote economic growth," he lectured. The fact that rules were predictable before the crisis - and in some cases easy to evade - did not exactly produce stability. What the banks delivered, Lagarde said, was "excess, in risk-taking, leverage, opacity, complexity and compensation." And that "led to massive destruction of value."

Nonetheless, Hensarling's reaction underscores that banks continue to have substantial U.S. political support, among some Democrats as well as many Republicans. If the Republicans take control of the Senate this fall, and hold on to the House, there will certainly be efforts aimed at reining in the regulators. An international survey of the public conducted in 27 countries late last year, mentioned by Lagarde, found widespread doubt about whether either business or political leaders could be trusted to act ethically. There was general agreement that there was still not enough regulation of financial institutions. In the United States, 45 percent said there was not enough regulation, compared with 24 percent who thought there was too much, and just 18 percent who thought there was just enough, according to the survey conducted for Edelman, a public relations firm. That may sound like a repudiation of banks, but in fact they seem to be more trusted in the United States than they are elsewhere. □



In this photo, a Bank of America sign is displayed in Philadelphia. The financial crisis changed many things. Regulators saw a need for tougher banking rules, less trust and more stringent enforcement. Banks have been appalled at some of the results.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

went from president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to Treasury secretary, never worked for Goldman or any other financial company. But he had a great deal of trouble persuading anyone that was the case.

In the decades before the financial crisis, there was even a growing agreement that less regulation was better than more. That would let markets work their wonders. In the United States, Congress passed laws that allowed derivatives to largely escape review. In Britain, there was pride in a "light touch" system of regulation.

Bank regulators were content to let banks use their own models in estimating the risk of investments

a need for tougher rules, less trust and more stringent enforcement. Banks have been appalled at some of the results.

The new reality has been on display this spring, as U.S. banks lobby to repeal, or at least tone down, some of the harsher requirements of the Dodd-Frank financial overhaul law. They complain whenever there is evidence that bankers in Europe might be getting off easier than those in the United States, and they - or at least their friends in Congress - complain even more bitterly when there is evidence that international regulators might be pressing U.S. regulators to toughen some rules.

But regulators seem to have abandoned the

the same conference.

Christine Lagarde, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, spoke of "scandals that violate the most basic ethical principles," including illegal foreclosures, money laundering and the fixing of interest rate benchmarks.

"While some changes in behavior are taking place, these are not deep or broad enough," she said. "The industry still prizes short-term profit over long-term prudence, today's bonus over tomorrow's relationship."

At the heart of the new regulatory spirit is a belief that banks are not, in and of themselves, necessarily good things.

"In the run-up to the cri-

and growth."

That kind of talk can sound scary in bank boardrooms, where regulators are expected to set rules and then let banks do what they wish to do so long as they remain within the letter of the law.

U.S. bank regulators have spoken several times in recent months of taking "reputational risk" into account in monitoring banks. In one case, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency warned that "engaging in practices that are perceived to be unfair or detrimental to the customer can cause a bank to lose community support and business."

To Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, who leads the House

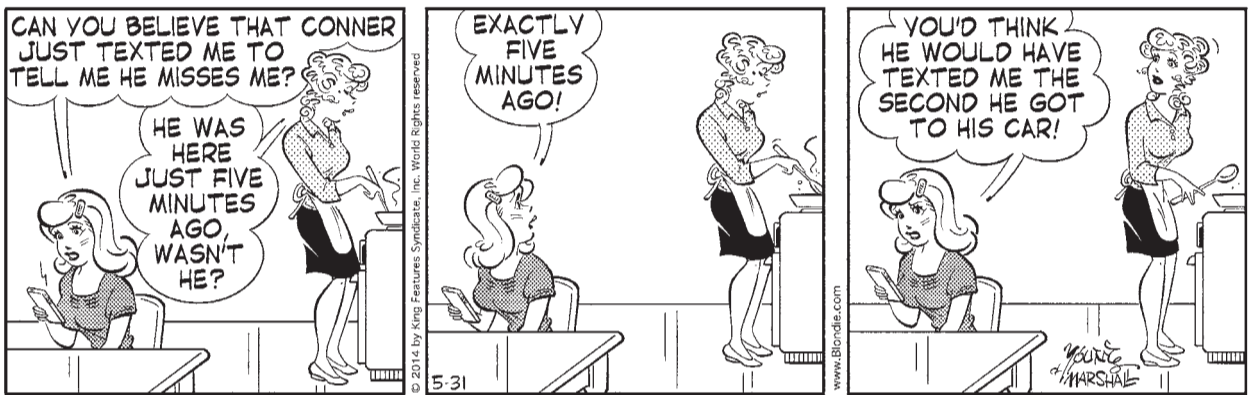
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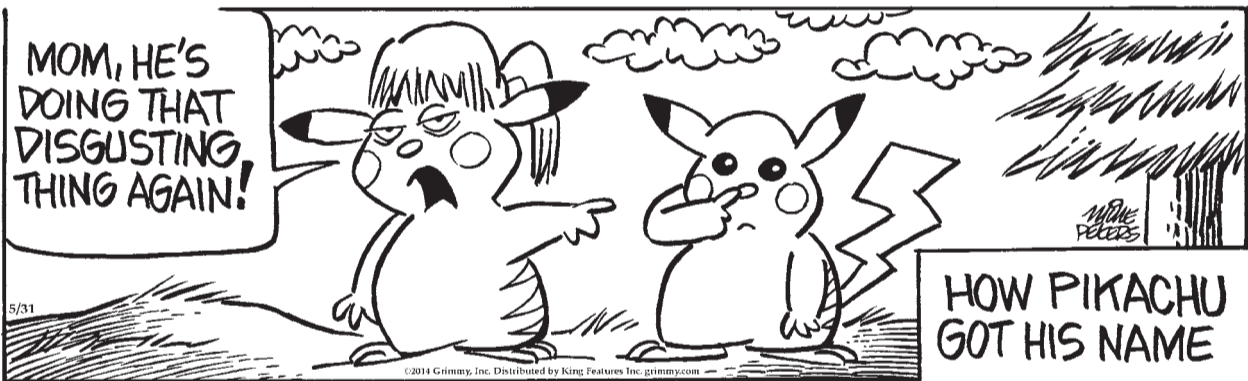
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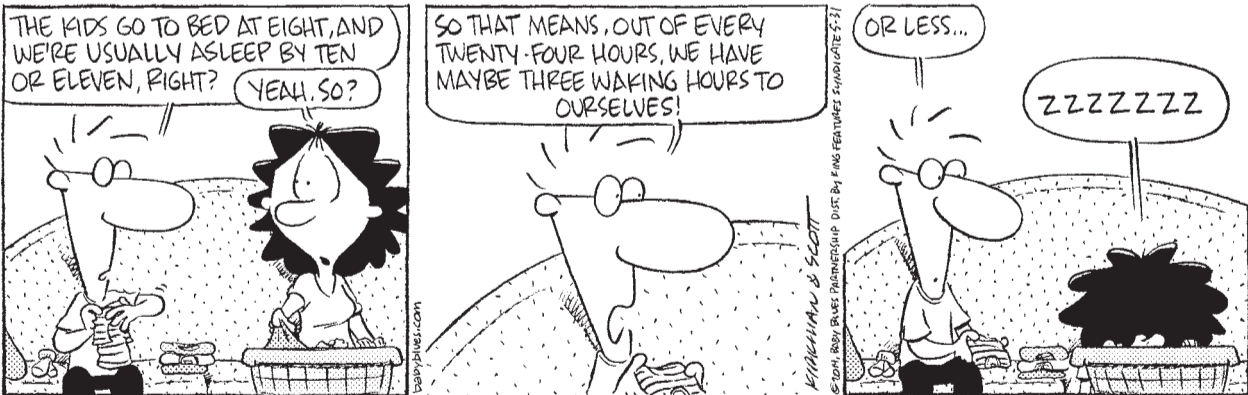
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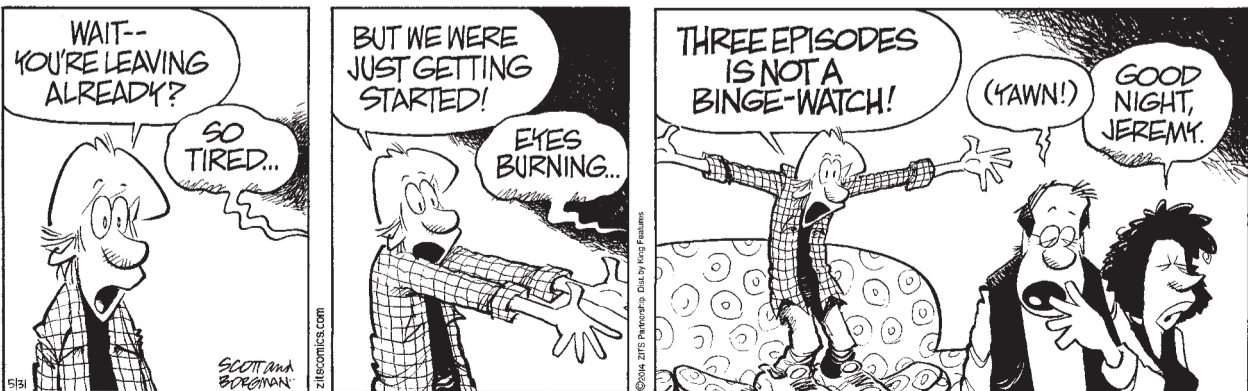
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- Three kings of biblical fame
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- Half of a score

Rent, shoes and support _ stars cheer Actors Fund

JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Never in his wildest dreams did Joe Benincasa, president of The Actors Fund, think he'd ever get a Tony Award. That, he thought, was reserved for those onstage rather than those wanting to affect public policy and politics.

But, as Actors Fund Chairman of the Board Brian Stokes Mitchell puts it: "Joe is an unusual human being that exudes a positive life force."

The fund helps thousands of people in show business each year with health care, housing, training and emergency aid. It has paid rent for struggling actors, taken care of nursing home bills and even subsidized shoes. It has helped Hurricane Sandy victims get back on their feet.

The Tony Administration Committee has selected Benincasa to receive an honorary Tony, citing his transformation over the past 25 years of the group into one of the best run charities in the country. "I'm blown away by the award," Benincasa said. "It allows me to shine a light on the Actors Fund, which is always terrific."

Mitchell calls him "the heart and soul of the fund because he cleaned up shop, and made things work so much better." Tony-winning actress Tyne Daly, and current Tony nominee for "Mothers and Sons," says Benincasa is a friend to all performers: "Joe has been the most faithful, consistent contributor to the benefit of actors that I know of in the modern world."

The fund raises money in a variety of ways, including revenue from special Broadway shows, benefit functions, and collection drives by Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Recently, singer Carole King made an appearance at a performance of the

Tony-nominated "Beautiful" and raised \$30,000. The Actors Fund was started in 1882 after an actor died on the road and his wife couldn't afford to bring his body back. An



This April 28, 2014 image from video shows Joe Benincasa, president of The Actors Fund during an interview in New York.

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he'll do anything for the Actors Fund. "When I was a poor, starving actor and I needed to pay my rent, I went to the Actors Fund and they gave me a check, no questions asked.

I'm thrilled that the Tonys are recognizing Joe and the Actors Fund. It's an incredible organization."

CASEY NICHOLAW: The Tony-winning "The Book of Mormon" director and current nominee for "Aladdin" remembers his days struggling as a dancer. "Before I was even in a Broadway show, I didn't have money to pay my rent and they paid my rent for a month. And they laughed at me because my rent was so low. They said, 'Really, are you sure you don't want more?' But I said I just need my \$225. They paid a month's rent for me. I didn't know how I was going to do it."

BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL: The Tony-winning actor and executive at the fund also benefited from it when he was younger.

unusual group made up of showman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, actor Edwin Booth — the brother of assassin John Wilkes Booth — and Broadway producer Harrison Grey Fiske secured a plot of land in Brooklyn for the burial and the fund began.

Here are a few Broadway stars it has touched: HARVEY FIERSTEIN: The three-time Tony-winner and current nominee says

They never asked for it back. They got me through. If I can turn around and do that for somebody, that's a good thing."

SUTTON FOSTER: The Tony-winner and nominee for "Violet" says there's something comforting about knowing the fund is there when she gets older. "It's amazing to have something like that to take care of us when we need it, in a field that is unpredictable.



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Zebras make longest trek in Africa, research says

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) — At a time when mankind's encroachment on habitats is increasingly leading species to extinction, scientists have discovered a mass migration of animals in Africa that reaches farther than any other documented on the continent.

The journey made by about 2,000 zebra who traveled between Namibia and Botswana, two countries in a sparsely populated part of southern Africa, was discovered by wildlife experts only after some of the zebras were collared with tracking devices.

The newfound migration is a rare bright spot at a time when mass movements of wildlife are disappearing because of fencing, land occupation and other human pressures. Species of plants and animals around the planet are being wiped out at least 1,000 times faster than they did before humans arrived on the scene, said a separate study published Thursday by the journal Science.

The previously unheralded trek occurs within the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, which is the size of Sweden and encompasses national parks in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Angola.

"It goes to show us that nature still has some surprises," said Robin Naidoo, senior

conservation scientist at the Washington-based World Wildlife Fund that led the two-year study on the migration. He said the main reason that the migration was not detected earlier was because it was impossible to know where the animals were going without GPS tracking technology, which has become more available and affordable in



In this undated handout photo supplied by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), zebra are seen at a watering hole in northern Namibia.

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the last two decades.

The zebra odyssey encompasses a roundtrip journey of 500 kilometers (300 miles), starting in floodplains near the Namibia-Botswana border at the beginning of the wet season. It follows a route across the Chobe River and ends at the seasonally full waterholes and nutritional grass of Nxai Pan National Park in Botswana. The zebras spend about 10 weeks there before heading back.

Local residents and conservationists knew the zebras left the Chobe River floodplains and returned months later in the dry season, but they didn't know where the animals went.

It wasn't until researchers put satellite tracking collars on eight zebras and monitored their movements in late 2012 and 2013 that the migration was discovered.

dwindling.

"Even though people have been fascinated by animal migration since the dawn of history, we are just scratching the surface in terms of understanding which animals migrate, where they go, and how they do it," Wilcove, who was not involved in the research, wrote in an email.

Wildebeest in the Serengeti migration in East Africa meander, possibly covering more ground and certainly migrating in greater numbers than the zebra in Namibia and Botswana. But the southern African zebra move largely in a straight line and the distance between departure and destination points appears to be an average of 10 to 20 kilometers (6 to 12 miles) further than in the Serengeti, according to research cited by Naidoo.

Caribou in North America and Asia, Tibetan antelope and Mongolian gazelles are other animals that travel long migration routes. Other seasonal migrations of note include North America's Monarch butterflies, songbirds in the Americas and humpback whales in the Pacific Ocean.

Tony Sinclair, Naidoo's fellow academic at the University of British Columbia and an expert on the Serengeti migration, said the zebra research shows that the animals have to move through "human-dominated lands" and that the migration could be lost if more protective measures are not put in place.

Sinclair wrote in an email that people whose land is traversed by the long migration route may obtain incentives to protect it "with some innovative

thinking," for example by hooking into tourism.

In 2004, a fence that had blocked a zebra migration route since the late 1960s was removed in another part of Botswana. Some 15,000 zebras traveled the re-opened route in 2008-2009, according to research.

Much remains to be learned about the Namibia-Botswana migration. The World Wildlife Fund said long-term research is needed to confirm if the migration is annual and fixed and "whether this is genetically coded or passed behaviorally from mothers to offspring."

The zebras could have reached similar habitats closer to their starting point but instead chose the longer trek, raising the possibility that they are following a pattern that is so ancient it has become embedded in their genes, according to the Oryx article.

Mike Chase, who leads Elephants Without Borders, a Botswana-based group that participated in the zebra migration study, said the trek stirs the heart.

"We all yearn for that, the romance of wild, open spaces," Chase said. "There are very few places left on our planet where animals and wildlife have the natural ability to roam in the context in which they evolved over thousands of years."



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Sex, lies and PCs in '80s computer world drama

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — AMC, home of "Mad Men" and newcomer "Halt and Catch Fire," aired a recent promo that cleverly played connect-the-dots between its landmark series and the intriguingly titled drama.

The spot opened with a 1969 "Mad Men" character railing against a behemoth computer, then shifted to scenes of 1983 PC pioneers. "Once the future was hard to see," a narrator intones, "Then three rebels ... got with the program."

"Halt and Catch Fire" debuts Sunday (10 p.m. EDT), and AMC understandably would like to cast its new series as heir apparent to "Mad Men," which is poised to depart next year. Or how about invoking former channel star "Breaking Bad"?

Creators and executive producers Christopher Cantwell and Christopher C. Rogers will have none of it. Or almost none.

Their series, set in Texas' "Silicon Prairie" during the frenzy to strike it rich in the burgeoning personal computer industry, hired "Mad Men" art decorator Chris Brown as its production designer.

Mark Johnson and Melissa Bernstein, who were pro-



This photo released by AMC shows Lee Pace, left, as Joe MacMillan and Scoot McNairy as Gordon Clark, in a scene from the television series, "Halt and Catch Fire," season 1. The drama, which debuts Sunday, June 1, 2014, is set during the 1980s race to develop and market personal computers.

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ducers on "Breaking Bad," are now at work on the new series.

But "there's no way to follow a show like that," Cantwell said of AMC's unlikely hit about a teacher-turned-drug king, and the same goes for "Mad Men." "The only thing we can do is ... to focus on the world we're telling and make it as good as possible," he said. Rogers said the drama is influenced by the recent TV past but strives to be part of

a "new wave."

Rather than focus on one difficult antihero like a Tony Soprano or Don Draper, "this is a show about three people and has a pace and other elements" all its own, including its visual style and voice, he said. The show's 1980s look, for example, is historically accurate but not as dominant an element as the 1960s have been for "Mad Men" — likely a wise move given how the style-challenged

'80s stack up against the impossibly cool '60s.

"We wanted it to feel like a period show that is contemporary, that we can inhabit it and relate to these people," Rogers said. "We rarely will stop to point at the period and the ways things are different than they are now."

The title is obviously unique and may prompt even some geeks to draw a blank. As the pilot's opener explains, it's an early com-

puter command, HCF for short, one that sent the machine into a race mode and prevented regaining control.

Keep that in mind as you watch slick, charismatic ex-IBM hotshot Joe MacMillan, played by Lee Pace, strut his way into a job at fictional Cardiff Electric with a risky scheme to force the firm from its comfort zone into battle with other aspiring PC kings.

On his team, willing or not, are family man and engineer Gordon Clark (Scoot McNairy) and college whiz kid Cameron Howe (Mackenzie Davis), who quickly proves she's both brilliant and sexually liberated.

Watching nervously are longtime Cardiff executive John Bosworth (Toby Huss) and Gordon's engineer-wife, Donna, (Kerry Bishe), who has already tasted professional failure with him.

It's an ensemble cast, but Pace's Joe is the catalyst.

"When I first read it (the pilot), I thought of (stock trader) Ivan Boesky, I thought of the corporate raiders and that kind of spirit of '80s excess: 'More money, more sex, faster, harder, give it to me,'" said the actor, whose credits include Thranduil in "The Hobbit" film franchise, "Lincoln" and TV's "Pushing Daisies." □

Instagram record for Kim, Kanye wedding photo



In this Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 file photo, Kanye West, left, and Kim Kardashian leave after attending Givenchy's ready-to-wear Spring/Summer 2014 fashion collection in Paris.

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LONDON (AP) — A photo of reality TV star Kim Kardashian kissing rapper Kanye West on their wedding day has broken the record for the most likes on Instagram. A European spokesperson for the photo-sharing site said Friday the picture, shared from Kardashian's account, received 1.96 million likes, becoming the most popular post on the site so far. The wedding snap has overtaken a photograph shared by pop star Justin Bieber posted five months ago, showing actress Selena Gomez embracing him, which received 1.83 million likes. □

Bret Michaels suffers medical emergency at concert



In this April 9, 2008 file photo, Poison lead singer Bret Michaels poses for a portrait in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles.

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Singer Bret Michaels has abruptly ended a concert in the U.S. state New Hampshire after suffering a medical emergency.

Guitarist Pete Evick says on Michaels' Facebook page that Michaels was three songs into his set in the city Manchester on Thursday when he rushed from the stage. A crew member reported that the former Poison lead singer's blood sugar was extremely low. Michaels was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a child. □

Fan-fueled red carpets present security challenge

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Movie premieres are just like they look on TV: Throngs of fans competing with photographers and reporters for stars' attention. Cameras flash as beefy bodyguards escort couture-clad celebrities into the maelstrom. Police officers and security personnel manage to keep the clamor under control. It's a heady scene — an exciting, usually safe event heralding the latest Hollywood film.

Until something goes wrong, as it did at the "Maleficent" premiere this week in Los Angeles: a man leaped over a barricade and accosted Brad Pitt on the red carpet.

Could it have been prevented? Disney officials are keeping mum, saying only that the incident was "unfortunate and inappropriate."



In this Wednesday, May 28, 2014 file photo, Journalist Vitalii Sediuk is walked off carpet in handcuffs after allegedly attacking Brad Pitt at the world premiere of "Maleficent" at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles. Associated Press

ate." But security experts say it's difficult to prevent such antics at public events where fan energy is part of the atmosphere. "At a ball game or a hockey

game, they search you up and down. Here, there's no search," said Paul Scauzillo, a retired lieutenant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who now works in private security for entertainment events. "Fans line up along a rope and there's no search at all." Recently fired Ukrainian journalist Vitalii Sediuk was arrested after jumping a fan barricade at the El Capitan Theatre while Pitt was signing autographs, apparently knocking the star off his feet. Sediuk remained in jail Thursday in lieu of \$20,000 bond as police investigated. His attorney, Anthony Willoughby, said the incident could lead to a probation violation for Sediuk, who was arrested after crashing the 2013 Grammy Awards. The Los Angeles City Attorney's office said Friday that the 25-year-old Sediuk will be charged with one count each of assault, battery, unlawful activity at a sporting or theatrical event or exhibition and unlawful delay or interference of a sporting or theatrical event or exhibition. His arraignment was set for Friday afternoon. Like the multifaceted studio contracts that require stars to attend premieres in the first place, there are equally complicated security plans to protect those stars at Hollywood events, said Jim

Mulvihill, vice president of Security Industry Specialists, an international event protection firm. Uniformed and plain-clothes police officers, contracted security personnel and stars' own bodyguards are typically in the mix. Pitt had personal security with him when he was accosted Wednesday night.

But where awards-show red carpets are locked down, with guests passing through metal detectors and security badges held by all press and fans present, movie premieres are more fluid. The "Maleficent" premiere was held on Hollywood Boulevard, where fans gathered behind a barricade to see the stars as they arrived.

The venue hosting the premiere generally contracts private security to supplement police presence, but there are no metal detectors or security badges. Any interested fan — or potential detractor — can join the throng.

Onsite security personnel at a movie premiere are there to assure compliance with city permits and keep the general population at bay, Mulvihill said. "They're not there or skilled or trained to do anything other than that." Even though Los Angeles Police officers knew of Sediuk's history of celebrity antics, they couldn't stop him until he broke the law and trespassed onto the carpet. Messages left for the Los Angeles Police Department requesting comment for this story were not returned.

"There is no tool for private security or law enforcement to really do anything unless they find themselves in imminent danger," Mulvihill said. Sediuk has gotten more aggressive with his stunts over the years, attempting to crawl under actress America Ferrera's dress at a Cannes Film Festival premiere a few weeks ago. "He's one of these people that falls into the delusional area that needs some psychiatric care," said Mulvihill, who has prevented Sediuk's entrance at other high-profile events. □

Works of Georgia O'Keeffe's sister to be exhibited

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DALLAS (AP) — Little-known works by the younger sister of famed artist Georgia O'Keeffe will take center stage at an exhibit that will debut at the Dallas Museum of Art in 2017 before going on tour.

The exhibit will feature about 40 paintings, watercolors, prints and drawings by Ida O'Keeffe, along with photographs of her taken in the 1920s by her sister's husband, acclaimed photographer Alfred Stieglitz. "She possessed a very good eye. She was very skilled in the art of composition and also in technique," said Sue Canterbury, curator of American art the museum and organizer of the exhibition.

Canterbury hopes the exhibit, titled "Ida O'Keeffe: Escaping Georgia's Shadow," will help reveal Ida O'Keeffe both as a person and an artist.

Canterbury said she first became aware of Ida O'Keeffe after viewing one of her works in a private col-

lection a couple of years ago. As she started researching her, the idea for the exhibit was born. The exhibit's works will mostly come from private collections across the country, Canterbury said, adding that she's been reading through correspondence to learn more about Ida O'Keeffe.

"It's still a voyage of discovery," she said.

The exhibit will take museum-goers through three decades of Ida O'Keeffe's career, beginning in the 1920s. Canterbury said she was particularly struck by a series of abstract representations of lighthouses done in the 1930s, a time period in which Ida O'Keeffe drew positive attention from art critics.

Ida Ten Eyck O'Keeffe, who died in 1961 at the age of 71, was the third of seven O'Keeffe children. She grew up in Wisconsin and was two years younger than her sister Georgia. Ida O'Keeffe took art lessons growing up, worked as an adult as a teacher



This undated photo provided by the Dallas Museum of Art shows Ida O'Keeffe's "Variation on a Lighthouse Theme II," c. 1932, Private Collection.

Associated Press

at various posts across the country and as a nurse. She graduated with a master's in fine arts from Columbia in 1932, when she was in her 40s. She moved to Los Angeles in 1942 where she used her artistic skills as a draftsman for an aircraft company as part of the war effort. Subsequent venues and dates for the exhibition tour will be announced later. □

Diet Lures and Diet Lies



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My home is like any other, chockablock with stuff that I wouldn't want the world to see: trashy books, cheesy clothes, a cache of scented candles so enormous you might think I'm prepping for some epically smelly apocalypse.

But the most embarrassing thing by far is in a kitchen cupboard, near the Tabasco. It's a green and white bottle of pills - supplements, to use the proper marketing lingo - that are supposed to make me effortlessly slim. I know better. We all do.

Garcinia Cambogia is what the label says, and the pills contain the powdered extract of an exotic fruit for which quasi-mystical claims are made. It blocks fat absorption, or at least it might. It suppresses appetite, or so a few people have reported. It regulates emotional eating, in unproven theory.

I stumbled across a mention of it on the Internet perhaps 18 months ago, and the mention was coupled with an endorsement of sorts by Dr. Mehmet Oz. And I thought: Who knows? What could it hurt? Minutes later I was typing in my credit-card number, hitting "send" and joining - or, rather, rejoining - the millions of Americans duped annually into this manner of ridiculousness.

We talk a whole lot these days about the perfidies of the fast-food industry, the snack-food industry, the soft-drink industry. There are books aplenty, documentaries galore. And that's terrific. That's progress.

But we should take care that our intensifying alarm over all of the aggressively marketed junk that makes us fatter doesn't crowd out a measure of sustained pique at all of the aggressively marketed pills, products and plans that fail to make us any thinner, despite their lavish promises and the money we plunk down. We should save some room for them.

They show no signs of going away anytime soon. Worse yet, they belong to, and are complemented by, a brimming culture of micro theories and boutique science that seeks explanations for excess pounds in equations well beyond the sturdy maxim of calories in, calories out. Yes, that maxim oversimplifies. Yes, we learn more all the time about the asterisks to it and about which kinds of calories set you up to be hungrier (and to continue eating) or not. But consult the most respected

physicians in the field of weight loss and they'll tell you that the maxim remains as relevant as ever. And the vogue for painstakingly tailored eating regimens and dieting techniques is to some extent a distraction from that, a dangerous one, because it promotes the idea that basic nature and fundamental biology can somehow be gamed, cheated, transcended.

"In terms of diet, the general laws of thermodynamics hold," Rudolph Leibel, an obesity expert at the Columbia University Medical Center, told me. "The issue of - 'If I eat a diet of all watermelons as opposed to a diet of hamburgers with the same number of calories, will I be able to lose more weight on the watermelons?' - that's a specious argument. We're dealing with chemistry and physics, not imagination."

But how imaginative we get! How creatively we edit the smorgasbord of possibility, intent on a formula superior to all others. This person forswears gluten. That person exiles starch. There are plutocrats who are eating like cave men. There are disciples of the lifestyle guru Timothy Ferriss who are weighing their poop.

Enhanced education and growing sophistication haven't done away with fads. There's still too much favor to be curried and money to be made by trumpeting them.

Cue Oz. A distinguished cardiothoracic surgeon, he has traded time in the hospital for time on TV, where he revisits no topic more incessantly than (supposedly) ingenious ways to slim down. With a shameless vocabulary of "magic," "miracle" and "revolutionary," he has showcased or outright validated HCG hormone shots, green coffee bean supplements, raspberry ketone supplements and more. He told viewers: "I'm going to show you how you can get fat to eat itself right out of your body."

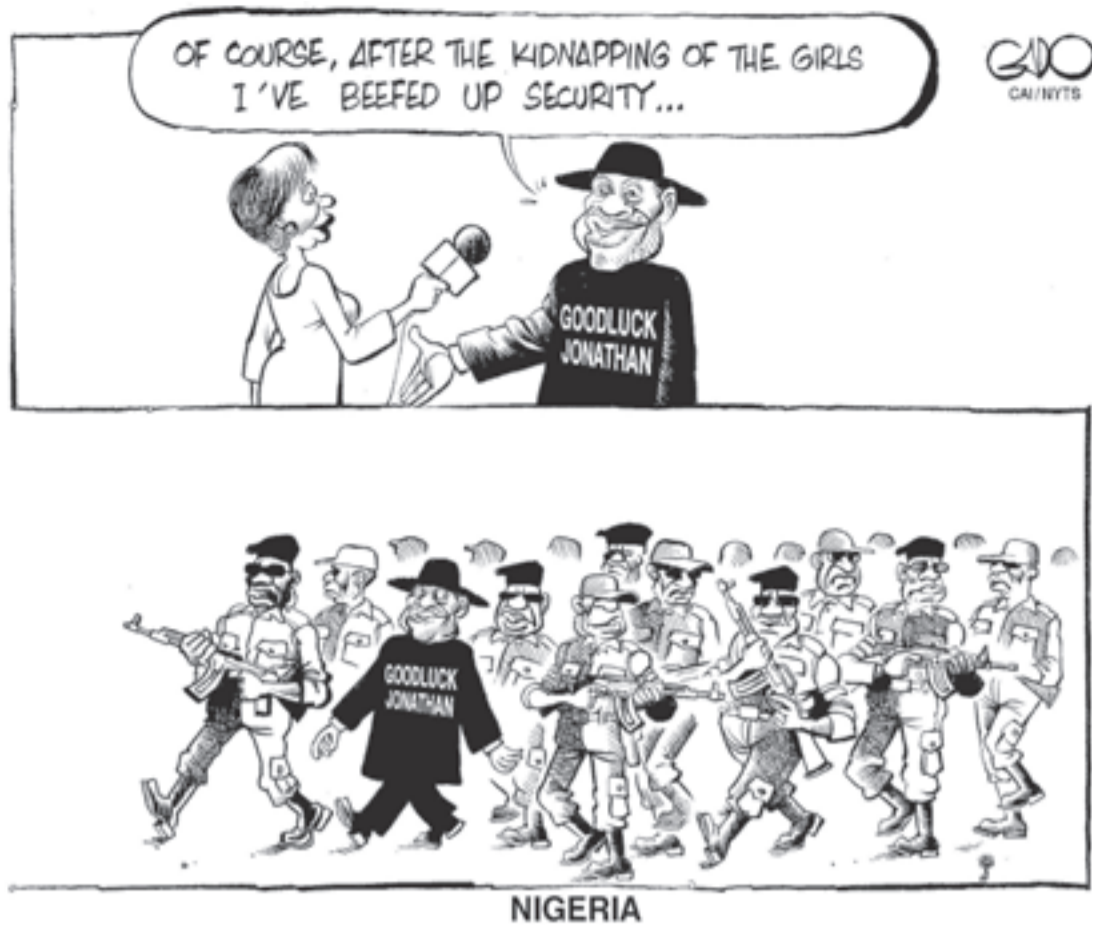
The sum of these exhortations "just violates science," Leibel said. "It'd be like if we went to NASA and they were using astrological charts to try to figure out how to get a rocket to Europa. It's at that level."

On Oz's website, under the "Weight Loss Directory," there are subcategories including "Rapid Belly Melt" and "Mega Metabolism Boosters." Garcinia Cambogia is celebrated ad nauseam.

And a person can start to wonder. A person can cave. I did, even though the "starch blocker" tablets that I took in college did nothing and decades of trendy diets have confirmed one and only one magic bullet: a mix of restrained eating and regular exercise.

The Garcinia Cambogia is still in the cupboard because it's half full. I wised up after a futile week of two pills daily. If I wise up all the way, I'll throw the bottle out.

□



Rebutting Mark Cuban on Bigotry



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Let's assume, as we always should in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that Mark Cuban, the Dallas Mavericks owner, had good intentions when he confessed to Inc. magazine Wednesday that he was "bigoted."

Let's assume that Cuban was indeed attempting to be an honest participant in the endlessly ached-for, perpetually stalled "national conversation on race" that many believe is needed but neglected, when he said:

"I know I'm bigoted in a lot of different ways. If I see a black kid in a hoodie and it's late at night, I'm walking to the other side of the street. And if on that side of the street, there's a guy that has tattoos all over his face - white guy, bald head, tattoos everywhere - I'm walking back to the other side of the street. And the list goes on of stereotypes that we all live up to and are fearful of."

He continued: "No one has pure thoughts ... but it's about recognizing when you have thoughts that aren't right."

Framed like that, the admission would seem admirable on some level, but nonetheless in need of a retort. So let's take it as an opening volley and return in kind. After all, in an honest di-

ologue, good intention does not mean bad information should be allowed to stand.

First, let's straighten out a conflation of words. Cuban seems, over the course of his comments, to use prejudice and bigotry interchangeably. These words have different meanings that should inform how we discuss our feelings. In The Chicago Tribune, Eric Zorn made the distinction this way:

"I think of racial prejudice as a private thought - a personal response to an individual or situation that is based, fairly or unfairly, on experience and observation. It's usually but not always a negative response; an invidious prejudgment. I think of bigotry as an act that is motivated by a negative prejudice - those thoughts turned into deeds."

To complete the lexicon, I would submit that biases - either conscious or subconscious - are what inform prejudices on one end, and that racism is the application of prejudices and bigotry - interpersonally and institutionally - on the other end.

Now that we have that out of the way, let's take the positive portions of what Cuban was saying. His admissions about himself came in the context of his thoughts about an evolving society in which people are becoming more tolerant and in which he, as an owner, has tried to identify people with "prejudices and bigotry" and to help those people see their flaws and correct them. That, without question, is a noble position and path of action.

While Cuban may, taking him at his word, find an equivalence within his own mind between "a black guy with a hoodie" and "a white guy, bald head, tattoos everywhere," that appears, in the grand scheme of things,

to be a false equivalency, both in measure and meaning. It implies a symmetry that history will not allow.

It is important to recognize that not everyone experiences the types of threat responses Cuban does based on race, attire and tattoos - and as far as we can tell from his comment, without articulated attitudes or demonstrated hostility. This casual ascribing of intention, based solely on appearance, draws on deep-seated suspicions constructed over a lifetime of subtle and sometimes overt racial conditioning. This, too, must be acknowledged and accounted for. It is the same sort of suspicion that set in motion the events that led George Zimmerman to shoot Trayvon Martin.

To his credit, Cuban apologized to Martin's family, via Twitter, for the "hoodie" reference:

"In hindsight I should have used different examples. I didn't consider the Trayvon Martin family, and I apologize to them for that."

And then there's Cuban's claim that "we all have our prejudices and bigotries." It's not entirely clear that that statement is true and supportable when it comes to racial bias. Project Implicit, a virtual laboratory founded by researchers at Harvard University, the University of Washington and the University of Virginia, has administered hundreds of thousands of online tests designed to detect hidden racial biases and found that while most people possess these biases, many do not.

Cuban says in the interview, "I know that I'm not perfect." None of us are, Mr. Cuban, and I applaud your candor even as I correct your assertions. That is how the race discussion must be conducted. □

How to Get to the Bigs? Batting Practice, Batting Practice, Batting Practice

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On the New York Yankees' charter flight bound from Toronto to New York for the Yankees' home opener, on April 7, Derek Jeter called Danilo Valiente to the back of the plane.

Valiente is a little-known coach in the organization who got his job by essen-

that promotion. So, on the eve of his own final home opener, with all the emotion that may have held, Jeter made a special request to the powers above. He wanted Valiente to be introduced at Yankee Stadium on opening day, which was why he summoned Valiente to the back of the plane, to tell

Jeter said. "He's behind the scenes, obviously, but everyone here knows how much he does. Everybody loves him, and he deserves it for how hard he works."

Valiente's job entails two main tasks: throwing batting practice and tossing batting practice. He shows up early every day and throws to players seeking

Hernandez, known as el Duque, going 15-0 for him. That led to a job coaching Metropolitanos, a top club in Havana. He coached for 15 years, earning the equivalent of about \$7.50 per month, while also working in a hospital as part of the gig. He was also given most living essentials, including a small home and

sought refuge in the one thing he always knew: baseball.

A cousin of his in Tampa told Danilo about Newman; how he regularly took early-morning walks near the Yankees' minor league training complex.

One morning in May, barely a month after he had arrived in Tampa, Valiente gathered his nerves and boldly intercepted Newman along his route.

"He told me he was a coach in Cuba and wanted to work for the Yankees," said Newman, who is fluent in Spanish. "I never had anyone apply for a job quite like that before." Intrigued, Newman agreed to meet later with Valiente, and in a few days Valiente showed up at Newman's office with a résumé and a file of photographs and newspaper clippings about him as a player and coach. He did not have his work papers at the time, so Newman told him to come by and watch.

"I needed something to help me through the grief," he said. "Thankfully, Newman has a big heart. He is like my brother."

Over the next few months Valiente observed how things were done at the minor league facility, and Newman could see that Valiente knew what he was doing. He also noticed his genuine rapport with the players. A year later, in 2007, Newman officially hired him. Valiente worked at the minor league complex during spring training and over the next seven years was attached to three minor league teams. Several of the big-league Yankees who knew Valiente from spring training and some coaches asked general manager Brian Cashman this spring if Valiente could be with the parent club during the season because of his excellence in batting practice.

"No one throws better batting practice," Cashman said. "It's on the money every time. The players love the way he throws, and they love him. So we promoted him." □



New York Yankees coach Danilo Valiente, right, talks with third baseman Yangervis Solarte before batting practice and a game against the Chicago White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago, in May, 2014. This year, just before spring training, the Yankees promoted Valiente to a full-time member of the coaching staff because he is a master at throwing batting practice.

(David Banks/The New York Times)

tially hounding Mark Newman, the Yankees' senior vice president for baseball operations. A former player and manager in Cuba, Valiente came to the United States in 2006 and soon after began working at the team's minor league complex at a traumatic time in his life.

This year, just before spring training, the Yankees promoted him because he is a master at throwing batting practice. After years of toiling in Cuba and being filtered bits of information about his favorite team - the Yankees, of course - through treasured videotapes of games, he was now a full-time member of the coaching staff.

Jeter thought Valiente deserved the full fruits of

him the good news and to be prepared. But Valiente could never really prepare for a moment like this.

"I could not believe it," Valiente said through the team's bench coach, Tony Pena, who interpreted the interview last week. "Just to be with the Yankees is an honor. But for him to do that for me, el Capitan, it was an amazing thing."

The Yankees called up Valiente in September to work with the expanded roster. He had spent some time with the team at spring training. But this year was different. This year he was wearing a New York Yankees uniform from opening day as a full-time staff member.

"You have to see how much he really does,"

extra swings in the cages. During regular batting practice he either throws or hits ground balls. Then throughout the game, as the action unfolds on the field, he is stationed under the stands in a batting cage, tossing balls underhand to players as they prepare for their at-bats. Born in Havana on Jan. 13, 1966, Valiente joined the Boyeros baseball club at 9 and played for them until he was 25, reaching the equivalent of Cuba's Class AAA minor leagues.

"They told me there were too many good players in front of me," he said, "so I decided to be a coach." He later coached and managed Boyeros and led them to the 1996 championship, with Orlando

basic transportation.

"No car," he said. "Only a bicycle."

One of the highlights of his coaching career was coaching third base for the Cuban national team on March 28, 1999, when it hosted the Baltimore Orioles in Havana. Perhaps most important, at Boyeros he had the chance to work with Rolando Nunez, known as Chavito, who taught him the art of throwing batting practice.

In 2001 he met his future wife, Isabel, a U.S. citizen traveling in Cuba, and three years later they were married. But in 2006, two years after that, Isabel died of pancreatic cancer, just a month after they had moved to Tampa, Florida. Heartbroken, Valiente